

# **Faith-based Outreach to Uninsured Children**

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## **ABSTRACT**

### **Faith-based Outreach to Uninsured Children**

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This study looked into the underlining factors that lead to children becoming uninsured in African American communities residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Using faith-based initiatives as an outreach strategy required understanding the demographics of the target population and faith-based organizations. Furthermore, establishing relationships with these organizations helped to implement outreach initiatives within underserved areas. Research was conducted to identify and filter targeted Philadelphia churches. This information helped to determine which churches to pursue and establish a relationship with in order to collaboratively host Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) information sessions and enrollment events. Observational data was collected to track the number of churches and families reached as well as to detect any other overarching patterns within the study. A data analysis was performed to determine the efficacy of the various outreach strategies used by the churches. Results showed that larger churches had more resources and manpower to assimilate enrollment events while smaller churches were more creative in terms of developing strategies for community outreach. Thus, faith-based initiatives were proven as an effective strategy to reach uninsured children in the African American communities.



## **Introduction**

The overall focus of this study is to determine the value of one strategy for reducing the number of uninsured children in the African American communities in underserved areas within Philadelphia, PA. This project looked through the “eyes” of the faith-based organizations by reaching out to churches and related groups that have health-related ministries and services for the communities they serve. The research conducted compared the various outreach initiatives among faith-based organizations in order to determine the most effective strategy that will assist Health Partners in its goal to enroll uninsured African American children in to the Kidz Partners CHIP program.

## **Specific Aims**

1. To determine the underlying factors that contribute to uninsured children in Philadelphia region.
2. To explore the demographics and social networking of faith-based organizations that will assist with outreach strategies/methods.
3. To understand how Health Partners can establish relationships with churches within the Philadelphia region—especially churches that dwell in underserved areas.
4. To assist Health Partners in developing protocol and implementing strategies when meeting with clergy members in order to host events/programs reaching out to uninsured African American children.
5. To evaluate the overall efficacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of using faith-based initiatives to reach uninsured children.

## **Background**

### *Underlying Factors of Uninsured Families*

Essentially, income and education are two of the most commonly used markers for socioeconomic position in the United States (Braveman et al., 2005). These markers are strongly related to most measures of health-related behaviors and health status. Thus, income and education along with correlated factors such as accumulated wealth, occupation, and neighborhood conditions, economic opportunities, and increased environmental risks can influence an individual's health (Braveman et al., 2005). These may also pose as risk factors and barriers associated with lower health care utilization among those that do not have health insurance (Escarce, 2003). Moreover, race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status in the United States are very closely intertwined (Escarce, 2003).

Because there is a correlation between low-income families and uninsured children, families that are of low socioeconomic status are more predisposed to barriers and other risk factors relating to accessing health care coverage (Kenney et al., 2000). Therefore, it is important to examine the specific demographics, barriers, and risk factors as to why low-income children living in underserved area are uninsured. Understanding these underlying components is crucial to developing successful strategies that will help with providing health insurance to low-income children.

### *The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health insurance to Pennsylvania's children ages 0 to 19 ("Kidz Partners", 2010). Beneficiaries must be Pennsylvania residents, U.S. citizens, national or qualified aliens, not covered under other health



insurance, and not eligible for Medicaid (“Kidz Partners”, 2010). This is free or low cost health coverage. The premium is dependent upon the family size, income and other determining factors. However, for most families, CHIP is free or provided at no charge. Basic benefits include sick visits, well-child care visits, prescriptions, lab test and x-rays, dental services, eye exams, eyeglasses; and emergency, hospital, mental health, substance abuse, and specialty care (“Kidz Partners”, 2010). For children with pre-existing conditions, the CHIP plan provides coverage without waiting periods or exclusion of care for these conditions, as well as access to in-network specialists. There is a CHIP identification card for every child that is actively enrolled in a CHIP plan. Health Partners is one of several plans in the Pennsylvania CHIP program, and its plan is marketed under the name, Kidz Partners. When a child is enrolled, membership cards and handbooks are sent within 10 days of the effective date (“Kidz Partners”, 2010). Re-enrollment is required on annual basis for every child to maintain their eligibility until the child’s 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is important to note that no family makes too much for CHIP whereas with Medicaid there is a cap to receiving assistance. Some families can make too much money and cannot receive Medicaid as a form of public assistance. Furthermore, if children are eligible for both Medicaid and CHIP, by default, the application is automatically forwarded to the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) to be processed as a Medicaid beneficiary.

### *Barriers to Receiving Health Insurance*

Despite the fact that some families have low enough income to qualify for public health insurance, millions of children still remain uninsured (Mills, 2000). These barriers are not specific to Health Partners but a general overview of barriers that are faced by many families. Studies show that “knowledge gaps” constitute as the primary barrier to enrolling over one-third

of low income children that are not insured. Thus, a major contributing factor is that families do not know about the CHIP program (“SCHIP Evaluation,” 2003). Moreover, some parents do not think their children are eligible for the program or do not have enough information to apply for the program (“SCHIP Evaluation,” 2003). On the other hand, some parents *did* know about the program but did not want to enroll their children; either they felt their children did not need public assistance or they did not want to accept “government handouts” and preferred getting care from community health centers (Kenney & Haley, 2001). Furthermore, other factors contributing to failing outreach methods/strategies evolve around issues within the actual enrollment system. Some “administrative hassles” include transportations, language, and provisions on documents, (i.e., income verification, personal interviews) (Cohen-Ross & Cox, 2000). Studies have also shown that the actual enrollment system may slow down the process of families wanting to enroll and obtain coverage for their children; this comprises another ten percent of low income children not enrolled with CHIP (Kenney & Haley, 2001). As a result, some parents may have applied for coverage at one point but their children were never enrolled, or their children may have been enrolled in the past but did not re-enroll due to administrative problems (Cohen-Ross & Cox, 2000).

### *The Need for Outreach*

A major issue that still remains is the lack of sufficient outreach methods/strategies to reach uninsured children. In 2008, about 39,000 children in Southeast Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) did not have health insurance and of these uninsured, a little over 10,000 were African American children (Robertson et al., 2008) (See Appendix B). In 1997, CHIP was created for states to expand health coverage for income up to 200% of the federal poverty level or higher, and by 2000, all states were approved to receive CHIP (Kenney et al., 2000). More

than 75% of all uninsured children are now eligible for public health insurance (“Health Partners”). In Pennsylvania, 100% of all uninsured children are eligible. CHIP/Medicaid health insurance programs were created to provide children with public health care coverage such that ineligibility was no longer a barrier for most uninsured children (Dubay & Kenney, 1996). Within Pennsylvania in 2008, more than six out of ten uninsured families were unsure of the income eligibility requirements for CHIP of which four of these six families were African American (Robertson et al., 2008). Additionally, more than six out of ten uninsured families could not name CHIP as a program for children who did not have health insurance coverage; of these six, five were parents of uninsured African American children (Robertson et al., 2008). Furthermore, more than four in ten uninsured families were somewhat (or very) knowledgeable about CHIP with two of the four being parents of uninsured African American children (Robertson et al., 2008)(see Appendix C).

#### *The Faith-based Outreach Initiative*

The statistics above illustrate the need for successful outreach methods to ensure that these programs are reaching the target population. One way this gap could be closed is by using faith-based initiatives as a means to reach uninsured children in underserved areas—specifically, collaboration with churches. Because churches are local and known to be organized and well-structured unions, they are endowed with valuable social networking capabilities. This allowed for better contact and interaction with low-income families especially if they are existing members attending the churches or they have been touched through outreach ministries.

Health Partners is a hospital-owned, not-for-profit health plan providing Medicaid and CHIP (aka “Kidz Partners”) coverage to eligible enrollees (“Health Partners”, 2010). They are owned by area hospitals: Aria, Einstein, Hahnemann, Temple and St. Christopher’s (“Health

Partners”, 2010). There are approximately, 300,000 individuals eligible to receive Medicaid in the Philadelphia region of which more than 50% of those eligible are African American or black (see Appendix E). In addition, about 50% of eligible Medicaid enrollees in the Philadelphia region are between ages 0 – 19 (see Appendix F). Health Partners is the second leading medical plan in Philadelphia having nearly 160,000 members eligible to receive Medicaid which makes Philadelphia the top region for member enrollment in the Commonwealth. (see Appendix D). Overall, Health Partners’ enrollment comprises a significant percentage of Medicaid enrollees who are African American and between the ages 0 – 19 within the Philadelphia region proving to be a fertile ground to scout for CHIP enrollees that are not eligible for Medicaid. Eligible enrollees for CHIP in Delaware Valley is about 40,000 – 50,000 people which could provide a healthy growth for Health Partners in the Philadelphia region (“Health Partners”, 2010).

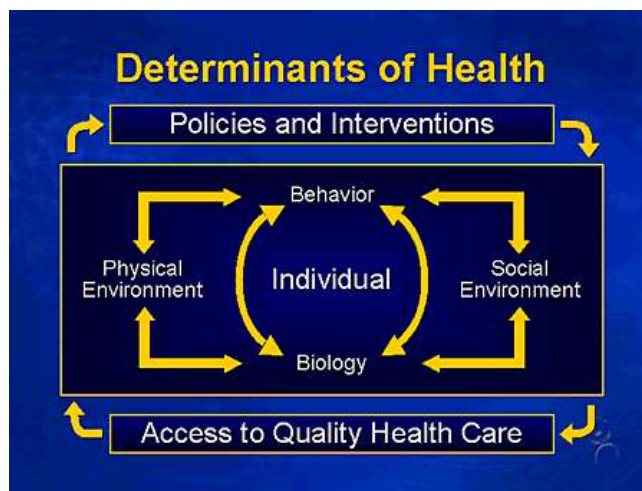
### *Significance of the Study*

Collaborative efforts with targeted churches serve as an outreach strategy to reach uninsured African American children. Therefore, for this study, qualitative methods were utilized to address the efficacy of using faith-based initiatives as an outreach strategy for reaching uninsured children living in underserved areas within the Philadelphia region. This study is significant because it illustrated the importance of creating outreach strategies to reach target populations in order to increase healthcare coverage. In other words, public health insurance programs are available but if these uninsured children are not being reached, this would lead to underutilization of these programs. Health Partners plays a vital role in serving Philadelphians to increase the quality of care and to improve health outcomes in underserved areas. Essentially, Health Partners is dedicated to assisting members by providing or guiding them to the appropriate services (“Health Partners”, 2010). One needs to consider the amount of energy and

resources invested in providing information to parents about public health insurance programs so that more parents are aware of the program and its requirements.

Without organizations such as Health Partners engaging in promoting outreach strategies, Pennsylvania would probably experience more challenges targeting eligible families for CHIP within the Philadelphia region. Health Partners helps to emphasize the importance of raising awareness within local settings in order to promote the importance of children's health. Implementing strategies to maintain the general health and well-being is the primary goal for providing public health coverage to low-income uninsured children.

#### *Theoretical Framework for the Study*



**Fig. 1 Determinants of Health Chart from Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health.<sup>1</sup>**

This figure shows how “Determinants of Health” served as a conceptual model guide for this project. The “Determinants of Health” define whether children have “Access to Quality Health Care.” In order for underserved children to have access to quality health care, there needs to be policies and interventions put in place to help with delivering and making these CHIP services available. “Policies and Interventions” are demonstrated with the development of CHIP.

Health Partners helped coordinate access to the services and therefore, “intersects” the diagram at “Access to Quality Health Care.” Therefore, an increase in access to care would result in an increase in health care coverage as well. By engaging in close interactions with clergy members within Philadelphia churches, this target population of uninsured children can be reached.

### **Research Design**

#### *Research Query:*

Examining the efficacy of faith-based initiatives to reach uninsured African American children living in underserved areas within the Philadelphia region.

#### *Design:*

A descriptive qualitative study design was used to evaluate the implementation of this project. This helped with understanding the interpretation of the experience gathered from open-ended observation, tracking procedures, and information compiled from research.

#### *Methods:*

1. Conducted research to analyze underlying issues of uninsured African American children in Philadelphia region. I used publically available sources such as census information, state reports, aggregate information from the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation’s Community Data Base and other information derived from a literature search. This data did not contain any personal identifiable data.
2. Conducted research on faith-based organizations located in Philadelphia by gathering information derived from publically available online resources. I used Health Partners target zip code data to identify nearly 300 that were in Health Partners’ target areas.

3. Once the church list was filtered to include only churches that were still in operation, a computation was conducted using church size as the criteria for looking at the distribution outreach ministries offered and the number of community members reached by each ministry. This was completed by (1) dividing list of churches into “small,” “mid-sized,” and “large” churches (2) using church research information to formulate top ministries offered by churches (3) contacting churches to get outreach numbers for each of the top outreach ministries they engaged in (4) calculating the average the number of community members reached for each outreach ministry and (5) categorizing results by the size of the church.
4. A few churches were selected as focal point(s) for my CBMP analysis while continuing research on other churches for potential CHIP presentations, enrollment events, and on-going relationships.
5. Assisted and observed Health Partners as they work to establish new relations (or strengthen existing relations) with churches in Philadelphia. First, Health Partners participated in existing programs/clergy events (i.e., health fairs) to establish links with the churches. Second, Health Partners created 1 – 2 additional events or programs with the churches in order to enhance outreach efforts. General information (i.e. brochures) about Health Partners, CHIP (i.e., Kidz Partners), health education brochures/lead cards and CHIP applications for the potential member to mail were distributed at these church events/activities.
6. Evaluated the implementation of the project by tracking (1) the number of churches reached, (2) the number of events held and attendance, (3) feedback and “learnings” from

the experience to improve the strategy going forward, and (4) the number of “send me more info” CHIP lead cards or actual applications received from the event (see Appendix D).

Health Partners was able to enroll members directly into the CHIP program. Moreover, CHIP applications for children whose family income was low enough to make them eligible for Medicaid were automatically forwarded by the shared enrollment data system, CAPS, to the Department of Public Welfare for that program. The actual process was handled by the Health Partners enrollment department which was not a part of this project. Hence, there was no human subject research involved in my project and I did not look at any private or identifiable information regarding the families or their eligibility requirements for health insurance programs (See Appendix A).

#### *Data Analysis:*

A critical assessment was done on the following components:

- 1) Distribution of Top Ministries by Church Size
- 2) Outcomes of Top Ministries by Church Size
- 3) Outreach Strategies of Larger Churches
- 4) Outreach Strategies of Smaller Churches
- 5) Comparison of Outreach Strategies by Church Size
- 6) Comparison of Approaches to CHIP Outreach (Shoprite vs. Faith-based Initiatives)
- 7) Limitations to Study Design



## **Discussion**

### *Qualitative Data:*

#### *Researching Faith-based Organizations*

This stage dealt with exploring demographics of faith-based organizations particularly in Philadelphia, which includes the vast majority of the underserved area(s) Health Partners serves (see Appendix H). Nearly 300 churches were identified within this target zone of which the corresponding information was researched using online sources (see Appendix L). Information gathered included basic contact information (i.e., address, phone, fax), website and email (if available), and church ministries/programs. However, some issues did arise while conducting research. Some of the churches either had not updated their information on the web or there was no information listed at all. These shortcomings usually occurred with smaller churches. A majority of the time, larger churches had functional websites with contact information, email addresses, and staff designated for handling administrative duties. In short, larger churches tended to have more resources and were more self-sustainable. Because of this, HP decided to start off contacting larger churches for collaborative CHIP outreach efforts but continued to contact the smaller churches throughout the outreach project.

#### *Establishing Relationships with Churches*

Establishing a good relationship/connection with churches was vital to faith-based outreach. For instance, HP had previously co-hosted a successful health awareness/church event called the “Crazy Praise Dance Showcase” (see Appendix J). This showcase was held at Zion Baptist Church and supported by six large churches that each had thousands of members coming from all over Philadelphia and surrounding areas. The massive success of this effort provided

credibility, making it easier to engage additional clergy members regarding faith-based outreach for uninsured children.

Because HP did not have previous associations with many of the smaller churches, it was more difficult to establish connections. Many of the smaller churches did not have permanent staff on site, or a majority of the personnel had full/part time jobs elsewhere. In addition to leaving voicemails and sending emails, HP attempted to make contact during the middle of the week because most churches tended to have midweek ministries/programs Tuesday – Thursdays. Even though on Sundays most personnel were on site because of the main worship services, they were not necessarily available because they were either in worship or attending to other church duties. Overall, we needed to consider the fact that churches may not have permanent staff on site during all business hours. The question remains as to how we can establish relationships with churches if they are not readily available.

### *Implementing Outreach Strategies (Shoprite Enrollment Event)*

During Cover the Uninsured Week (3/14/10 -3/20/10); Health Partners hosted a series of events to celebrate the national awareness (see Appendix K). The first set of events were at three different Shoprite grocery shopping centers located in underserved areas. HP employees and AmeriCorps volunteer workers were there to help host the events.

### *The Importance of Marketing*

Marketing to reach the target population was crucial in the outreach efforts. Marketing strategies for this event included BMI testing, face painting (for kids), HP/CHIP giveaways (i.e., grocery bags, backpacks, and cookies), CHIP applications/brochures with perforated lead cards,

and having CHIP enrollment coordinators on site for instant sign up of prospective members. Tables were set up for each of these settings and music was playing to convey a festive atmosphere. HP and Americorps workers were stationed at each of the tables and at the entrance/exit to the grocery store in order to hand out CHIP brochures and to direct traffic toward the event tables. Overall, it was a good turn out and people were very receptive to the information and the giveaways. It was critical to have good scripting (1 – 2 minutes) to inform passers-by because often they were in a hurry and/or had short attention spans. Face painting and cookies got the attention of the children which usually helped to draw the attention of the parents to receive more information. However, the BMI testing table had very low traffic because it did not appear as “inviting” as the other table set ups. Also, it was difficult to tell whether people knew about “BMI” testing which may have deterred them from visiting their table.

One of health educators on site stated that it was most important to focus on the people who did not have health insurance versus members who just wanted to switch CHIP plans. He emphasized that it was crucial to educate people about HP/CHIP and to leave contact information such as business cards with the prospective enrollees. At times, leaving business cards was a more effective approach than just handing out lead cards/applications because the card served as a personal invitation to educate the individual on CHIP and help them with enrollment. In short, this increased the likelihood of gaining enrollee— in addition to distributing lead cards and applications—because individuals became more comfortable about finding out more information. Furthermore, if enrollees had any problems, they had an immediate contact person to assist them, as well as Member Relations. Health Partners also had a licensed insurance representative who could make home visits to enrollees to assist with CHIP enrollment.

*Observing the Community*

There were many interesting observations made at the Shoprite events. A number of the people that stopped by needed health insurance for their children. They either made too much money for Medicaid or not enough money to pay for private insurance. Often, the people in the middle tended to suffer the most with the current health insurance regulations. Also, many grandparents inquired on behalf of their grandchildren.

Another interesting observation was that numerous adults inquired about adult coverage because they had been laid off, were too old to be on their parents insurance, or had pre-existing conditions. In several cases, people were very knowledgeable and concerned with their medical issues but were unaware of how or where to access to health care. Some even inquired about other health-related issues such as actions to take against environmental hazards, specifically, lead poisoning in houses. HP had health educators at these events to address these concerns or direct them to the appropriate venues to help resolve their problems. It was extremely useful to have the coordinators on site to quickly capture prospective members for CHIP/HP membership, or other inquiries.

Other observations made were people thinking they had to do something or show their HP membership card to get health information or giveaways. In short, they were surprised that everything was free. This illustrated how accustomed these communities were to expecting “price tags” on any health-related information or services. However, people were very inquisitive and receptive to accepting information once they realized it was not a gimmick.

### *Implementing Outreach Strategies (Church Enrollment Event)*

The second set of events happened the following day at two large churches of which each had membership in the thousands: Enon Tabernacle and Deliverance Evangelistic. These churches were original participants in the Crazy Praise Dance Showcase so it helped significantly that HP had collaborated with them in the past. The set up was similar to that of ShopRite with brochures, cookies, CHIP brochures/applications, CHIP/HP bags/backpacks, and CHIP church fans (but without BMI testing and face painting). These events were extremely successful; some the churches were so large they had about three different worship services per week to accommodate all the members from Philadelphia, New Jersey and other surrounding areas. The reality was that these churches had the resources to assimilate CHIP events into their curriculum. It was very apparent how established these churches were because they had parking staff directing traffic, and cameramen recording the services to stream online on their website. They also had huge overflow rooms for late comers to watch the service on giant screens. Fortunately, our event was mentioned during the church announcements so members at the service were aware that we would be hosting a CHIP event after the service.

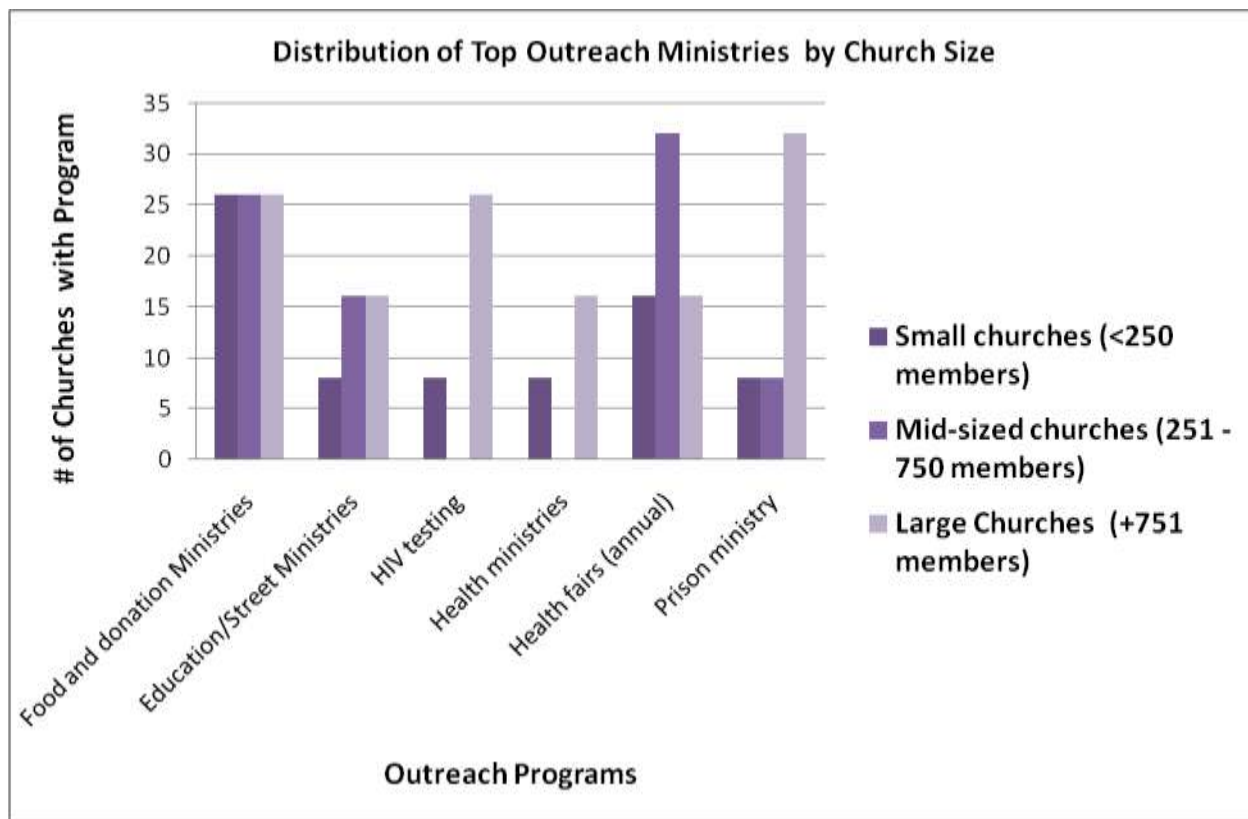
### *Observing the Church Community*

Both churches (Enon and Deliverance) were celebrating Youth Sunday of which the youth carried out a majority of the church services such as playing instruments, praise and worship, reading announcements, etc. At a glance, Deliverance church members had a disproportionate amount of elderly or older individuals – there were not too many young people present. A lot of the members that approached the CHIP table after service were elderly persons who wanted information for their grandchildren or other people they knew in need of children's

health insurance. On the other hand, at Enon there were a lot of parents and young people present within the congregation who approached the CHIP table after service.

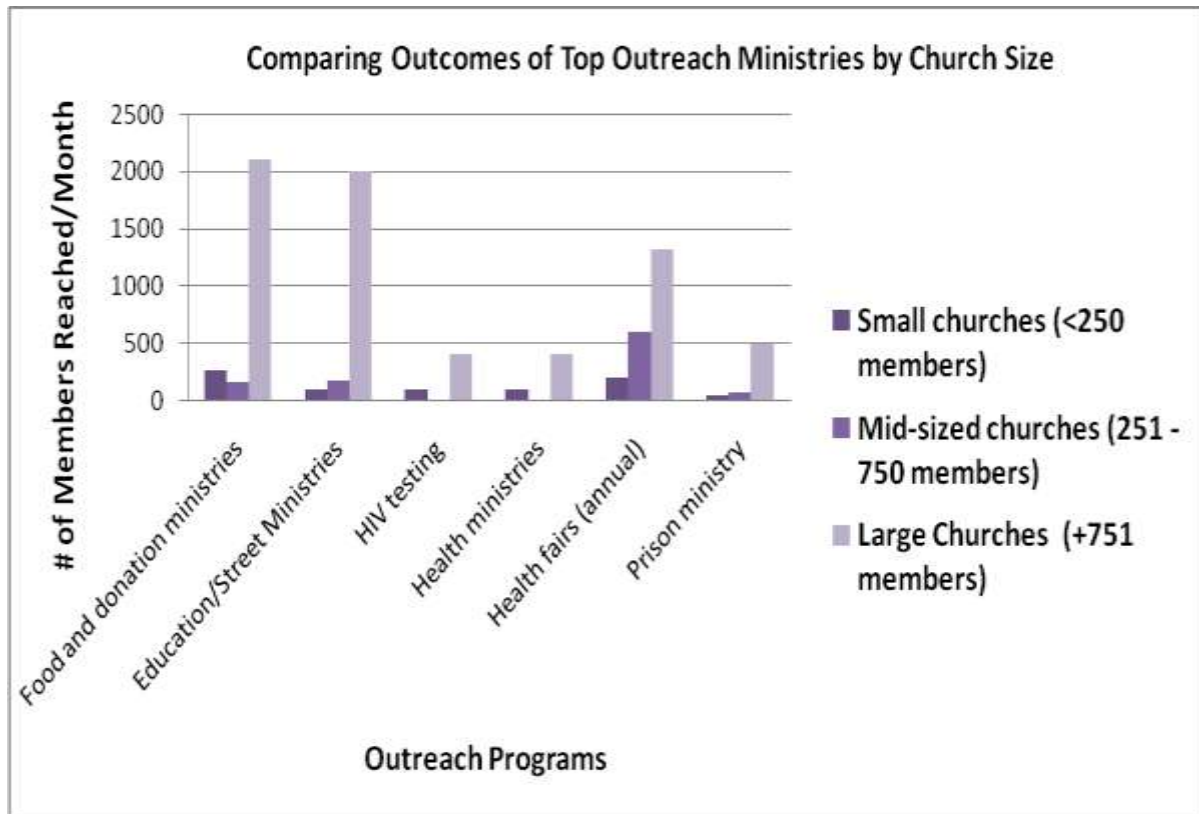
Nonetheless, there were remarkable results from the enrollment events; the kids were eager about the giveaways and cookies while parents were eager to learn more about CHIP and were more receptive to the brochures lead cards. As with the Shoprite event, many adults inquired about adult health insurance and other health-related issues. Some members worked in medical offices and wanted to take a stack of brochures back with them to set in their display rack for patients. Other church members wanted to know how to get Health Partners to come out to their site for other enrollment events and info sessions. The churches also wanted us to leave CHIP brochures and CHIP fans at the sanctuary for additional dispersal. Furthermore, many members filled out lead cards on the spot indicating that they wished to have a CHIP representative follow up with their application.

Quantitative Data:



**Fig. 2. A comparison of major outreach ministries by church size.**

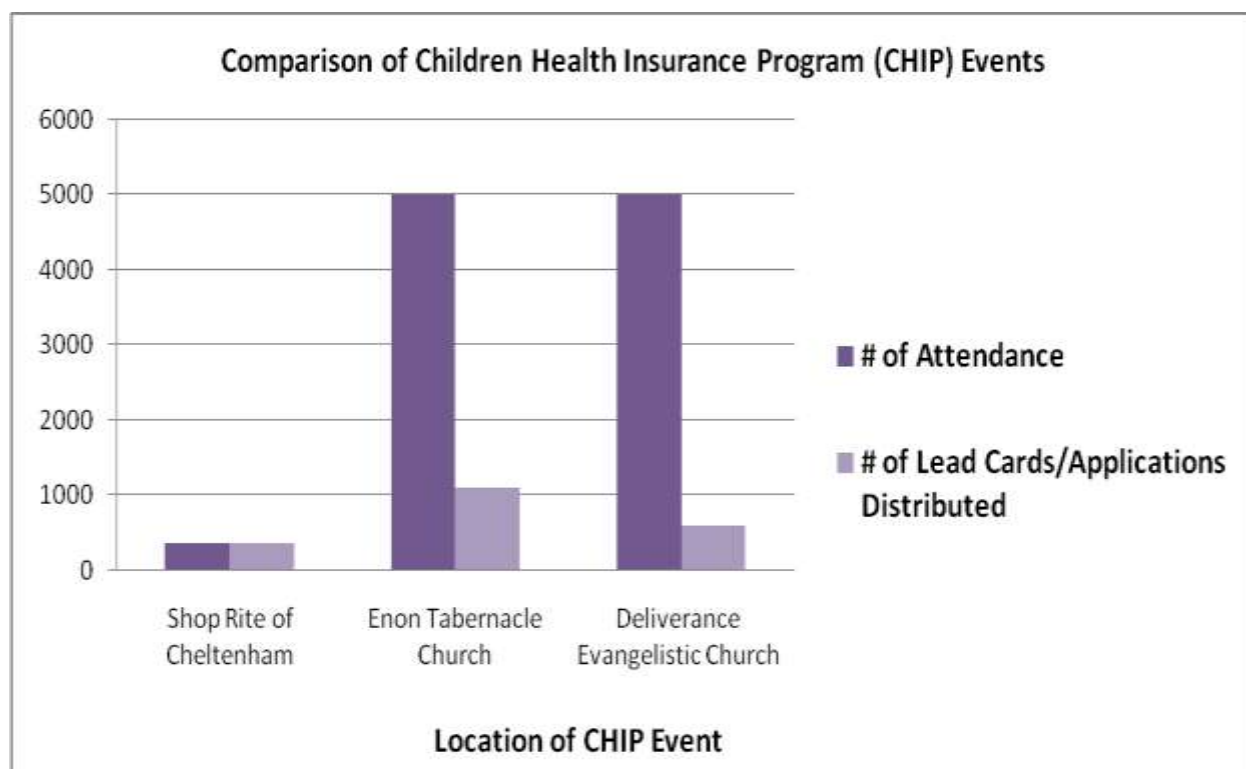
The smaller churches and larger churches had outreach efforts for all of the top outreach ministries. Smaller churches had very similar and recognizable outreach efforts with both food/donation ministries and health ministries. Mid-sized churches were the most involved in health fairs and also had a recognizable percentage of outreach in food/donation and education/street ministries. The larger churches had the largest percent of HIV testing, health ministries, and prison ministries. Surprisingly, only smaller churches and larger churches were mostly involved in health ministries. All the churches were involved in food/donation ministries, education/street ministries, health fairs and prison ministries.



**Fig. 3. A comparison of top outreach ministries by church size as a criteria to show the average number of responses for each program offered.**

For smaller churches, the largest number of community members reached were food/donation ministries and health fairs. For mid-sized churches, health fairs had the most response from members and for larger churches it was food/donation ministries. Surprisingly, smaller churches surpassed mid-sized churches with their food/donation ministries and mid-sized ministries had no response for HIV testing or health ministries. Both smaller and larger churches had outreach within all the top ministries. Overall, larger churches have the highest turnaround for all the ministries.





**Fig. 4. Comparison of outreach efforts to uninsured children in Philadelphia during the national health insurance awareness week, “Cover-the-Uninsured.”**

This figure shows the attendance at each event as well as the number of lead cards and applications distributed at each event. Both Enon and Deliverance churches had significantly higher numbers of attendance in comparison to ShopRite event. This was due to the large number of people that were able to participate at a single point in time. Both churches had approximately 5,000 members so the maximum number of lead cards/applications available at each site (1,100 and 600) were all distributed to the participants. Regardless, the total distribution of lead cards/applications at each of the *separate* church events still surpassed the total number of attendance and distribution of lead cards/applications at this particular Shop Rite event.

For the Shop Rite event, 600 lead cards/applications were present at the event for distribution but there was only an exposure to 350 people so only 350 lead cards/applications

were distributed. This suggested that the number of people that participated in this type of events could be difficult to predict. Whereas at the church events, *all* the lead cards/applications were disbursed, (1,100 at Enon and 600 at Deliverance). Health Partners ran out of materials to supply to 5,000 church members at each of the churches. This suggested that if more lead cards/applications were on site, they most likely would have been distributed. In any case, this illustrated the faith-based initiative was a favorable approach for reaching a larger group of uninsured children.

## **Data Analysis**

### *Distribution of Top Ministries and the Corresponding Outcomes by Church Size*

First of all, it is important to note that “response” means the number of community members who participated or attended a program/event. It was difficult to get a response rate from any of the churches because it is not traditional to keep track of members that benefit from the ministries. Hence, all the churches tended to only have knowledge and information about the outreach numbers. This is the reasoning as to why the “number of members outreached” is used to help extrapolate the success of the outreach efforts for each of the ministries based on their church size.

It was surprising to see that the smaller churches had a good percentage of outreach efforts within all the top ministries which “rivaled” the larger churches. It is possible that coalitions could have been formed with other local churches or joint efforts coordinated with larger institutions (i.e. schools) to help assist with program ministries. As for health ministries and HIV testing, it was startling to see a lack of outreach efforts from mid-sized churches. Perhaps resources were drawn elsewhere such as to education/street ministries or health fairs of which they had the largest percentage of engagement compared to smaller and larger churches. The percentage of smaller and mid-sized churches both surpassed the larger churches with regards to health fairs. This may have been due the fact that larger churches held most of their events on a larger scale and it took a significantly greater amount of resources, manpower, vendors, arrangements, and time to run these types of event. Therefore, events may not have been done as often as one might imagine. On the other hand, HIV testing, health ministries, and prison ministries were the most successful among larger churches which were most likely

successful because of their manpower and resources; this was nearly the opposite in the case of mid-sized churches.

It was striking to see that smaller churches surpassed mid-sized churches with their food donation ministries. Also, even though mid-sized churches had the largest percentage attributed to education/street ministries, one would expect to see a more significant response from members. It is also worth mentioning that mid-sized churches had about half the outreach numbers as larger churches did for health fairs even though mid-sized churches had the largest percentage of churches engaging in health fairs. Even so, it was not surprising to see larger churches had the highest outcomes among all the other churches due to their vast amount of resources.

As mentioned earlier, churches normally do not keep records of the response rate for each outreach ministry. So, it may be likely to assume that the churches with the greatest outreach numbers have the highest response rate—this may not always be the case. Larger churches have the manpower, resources, technology, etc. to perform outreach efforts on a larger scale but this may also mean that outreach methods may be more systematic, less “personable,” and thus decreasing the *quality* of outreach. Whereas with smaller (or even mid-sized churches), the outreach numbers may be lower by comparison to larger churches due to less resources, but the response rate may be higher. It is logical to presume that there may be an increased likelihood that smaller churches have the ability to be more personable and intimate during outreach efforts because there is less of a need for systematic protocol with fewer church members. This is not to say that larger churches are not amicable during their outreach ministries. Even so, it does raise the question concerning formality of ministry protocol and the

impact it may have with gaining trust from communities members during outreach efforts. This may (or may not) have a significant influence over the response rates but it is incorrect to automatically assume high outreach numbers equate to an *effective* ministry programs.

### *Outreach Strategies of Larger Churches*

During this project, HP was able to establish connections with two large churches and two smaller churches. The larger churches were from the Cover the Uninsured church event (as discussed above). A strong connection was previously established from former events which helped create opportunities for the CHIP enrollment event. Because of mass attendance of church members to these churches, more people were reached regarding CHIP enrollment (i.e., lead cards and applications). Because these were larger churches, it was not surprising that they had a wide array of programs/ministries, missions, fellowships, and community outreach efforts that were successful. They had the resources to hold large scale events (i.e. Crazy Praise Dance Showcase) which could reach more people. Furthermore, with more church members, there was an increased need for more organization among the clergy members but there were also enough church members to run and maintain each of the programs/ministries. On the contrary, because it took more manpower to keep the church viable, there was a lot more at stake with keeping church members on board and sustaining large church attendance.

### *Outreach Strategies of Smaller Churches*

The smaller churches did not necessarily have as many members but they were very effective in strategizing and collaborating with other local churches for community outreach and program/ministries. In other words, smaller churches tended to form coalitions with other churches in the area. One advantage of being a smaller church was there seemed to be more of a

“hunger” to grow and expand their services. This often led to very innovative and inspiring ideas for community outreach. One church in particular, Philadelphia Baptist Church had many programs successfully in progress. They had youth ministries on healthy relationships to help decrease crime in the neighborhood where enrollees were recruited from treatment centers. They also had foster children services including children who needed health coverage such as CHIP. The Fatherhood Initiative was a program which taught young fathers how to support their families. This ministry also helped with GED programs and drug & alcohol programs. Dance and drama ministries were fully run by church members and were held annually during the summertime. Facilities were rented for their performances such as Drexel University. In addition, prison ministries provided parenting and Bible classes. At one point in time, they adopted a school and established a faith-based partnership where summer camps and health fairs were held with city council and state representatives speaking at their events.

One of the church’s goals was to block off major streets in center city Philadelphia to hold health fairs. Because they had good relationships with the neighboring churches – most of whom belonged to the Eastern Pennsylvania KeyStone Association – the plan was in progress. Furthermore, the church headquarters happened to share the building with other organizations: a health center, charter school, foster care services, underprivileged youth center (We are Seeds), PLC (Progressive Life Center), and there was *another* health center across the street. This simply led to creating CHIP information sessions and enrollment events that would span over four months and work to combine all the organizations and resources for anyone who wished to attend. The mission of the church was to bless the community and help the community become “whole” with wholistic health; this helped the church decide which programs to pursue.

Naturally, the church attracted certain groups of people with the variety of services that they offered but particularly those in the African American community.

### *Comparing Outreach Strategies of the Churches*

Overall, the strategic planning methods for both larger and smaller churches were both effective and well-suited for their congregation size. However, for the purpose of reaching uninsured children, collaborating with larger churches would be more efficient. Not only do they have the masses, they had the manpower and resources to sustain the outreach. As far as creativity was concerned with developing new strategies to reach uninsured children, smaller churches would be the leading candidates; they tend to have more gusto when it came to inventing ways to reach the community.

### *Comparing Approaches to Outreach (Shoprite vs. Faith-based Initiatives)*

Even though both the Shoprite and church events were successful, the churches garnered more support not only because of the vast amount of people but because the churches had an established connection with their members: trust. It was easier for people to open up and be receptive to new information because churches were already viewed as a place to seek help and services. In essence, program/ministries and missionaries could easily build CHIP awareness into their curriculum. Even though Shoprite is the local grocery store where everyone shopped for food, people were in a hurry, or were more hesitant to stop by. A number of factors could have affected the turnout such as weather conditions or competition from other sponsors. Also, there were other “competitors” or events occurring concurrently with the Shoprite CHIP event that could have taken away the attention of passers-by. Frankly, there was less of a guarantee that the event would be successful at such a public location.

*Limitations to Study Design*

1. Eligible parents of uninsured children may have needed public health insurance but because they were not religious, they did not participate in faith-based events.
2. Information may not have reached all eligible parents of uninsured children because of publicity limitations or because they were not able to attend the events (i.e., work).
3. Prospective enrollees did not usually have immediate access to their financial information during events so they were not able to enroll or submit applications on site unless notified to bring their records ahead of time.
4. Using the number of applications and lead cards to track the progress of implementation did not capture the exact number of potential applicants resulting from this project since there were a variety of ways applicants could have learned of the program and actually enrolled: by mail, telephone, online, through participating community organizations or through the Department of Public Welfare.

A good percentage of lead cards were filled out at the enrollment events. However, this was a limited indicator of the number of children subsequently enrolled with CHIP as a result of the outreach. Some filled out lead cards on the spot, while others took the lead cards home to fill out and send in at a later date. To track the number of lead cards received and the number of children enrolled due to CHIP events was difficult to measure because of the variety of ways prospective members could have chosen to enroll (as mentioned above). As a result, only a small number of lead cards were returned at each of the Shop Rite and church events.

HP executives were concerned with the total CHIP enrollment because operations were driven by these statistics. Because HP lacked a systematic approach to categorizing which



department recruited an enrollee, the outreach area only received “credit” for the lead cards and enrollee forms. Essentially, the results for lead cards/applications and child enrollment brought by CHIP events could have been skewed. Not to mention, receiving and processing lead cards/application would require more time than the project permitted to get a thorough measurement and to formulate an aggregate of the data. Instead, the numbers of materials distributed at each event served as a viable option to estimate the potential number of enrollees exposed to CHIP information and also to help extrapolate the success of the outreach strategy.

### **Conclusion**

Altogether, the faith-based initiatives undertaken to reach uninsured children in the Southeast Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) region were both efficient and effective. By understanding the socioeconomic forces of uninsured families and church demographics, Health Partners was able to successfully establish relationships with churches to help engage in collaborative efforts for CHIP enrollment events. In essence, recognizing how churches decided on what programs/ministries to provide to the community helped with acknowledging the needs of the community and how to approach the individuals that were seeking health care assistance. Hence, the efficacy of reaching uninsured children was strongly linked to the size of the churches. In turn, this correlated the various methods used when strategically planning for outreach efforts.

In order to successfully track lead cards and applications from CHIP events, it is recommended to add barcodes to the lead card/brochures and applications as a measure of inventory to assist with keeping records of interdepartmental/quotas for bringing in potential CHIP enrollees. Patterns showed that a good percentage of CHIP enrollments were done over the

phone in which asking the enrollee if they were responding to a CHIP event would be most appropriate. Nonetheless, if enrollees were filling out lead cards and returning them at the event or mailing them in, barcodes would be an efficient tracking system to bypass administrative in-house barriers and promote an accurate measurement tool to help demonstrate the effectiveness of faith-based initiatives.

Policy implications surrounded the issue of how CHIP marketed its program and clarifying the distinction among the contractors who provided CHIP. At the church events, a lot of parents had complaints about CHIP but were unaware that CHIP was provided under different medical plan organizations such as Health Partners, Aetna and Keystone Mercy. Thus, people were confusing their CHIP plan - under a different insurer - with Health Partner's CHIP plan. HP branded their CHIP plan and named it "Kidz Partners." However, strict advertising guidelines from the Pennsylvania Insurance Department (PID) required that CHIP *and* Kidz Partners must be visible on all commercial items, which may also be a source of confusion. CHIP needed more effective marketing strategies to acknowledge that CHIP plans are provided by different health insurers which, in turn, can affect the quality of CHIP services rendered. Moreover, existing CHIP members can switch to a different CHIP contractor of their choice as long as they remained under a CHIP plan. Existing CHIP contractors must release the CHIP member from their contract to switch to another CHIP medical plan to avoid a lapse in CHIP coverage – no managed care organization can refuse a CHIP member from leaving their existing CHIP plan. For instance, Health Partners' Medicaid plan has significantly lower rates of disenrollment due to high patient and *physician* satisfaction (See Appendix G). A major reason for this was because HP ranked highest in NCQA accreditation along with outstanding clinical services and member relations. In fact, some existing CHIP members were interested in switching their CHIP medical

plans to Kidz Partners because they were more familiar with and fond of Health Partners' Medicaid program, operations, and services as well as responding positively to the extra "perks" specific to only Kidz Partners CHIP plan. In addition to standard CHIP services, Kidz Partners members could utilize participating fitness centers; children over ten years old were eligible for Weight Watchers membership. There was also a \$100 reimbursement for orthodontia services, a 24/7 helpline and 24/7 nurse advisory line ("Kidz Partners", 2010). These unique CHIP benefits could help Health Partners gain a "competitive edge" and expand Kidz Partners' membership.

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## **APPENDICES**

## Appendix A

### IRB Consent Form



DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Office of Regulatory Research Compliance

#### APPROVAL NOTICE (EXEMPT)

TO: Mary Duden, MBA  
Provost / School of Public Health  
Mailstop: 660

FROM: Sreekant Murthy Ph.D.  
Sreekant Murthy, Ph.D.  
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SUBJECT: EXEMPT APPROVAL  
TITLE: Faith-Based Outreach to Uninsured Children  
SPONSOR: Internal  
PROJECT No: 1043547, PROTOCOL No: 18747, ACTION No: 53723 Type: New  
Period: 1 Seq: 1, DETAIL No: 261261  
CURRENT APPROVAL PERIOD: , EXPIRES:

RE: 01/05/10 - Approved Exempt Category 4. This study will analyze de-identified records obtained from Health Partners.

Date: 1/6/2010

On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the subject protocol has been reviewed and approved as **EXEMPT research** (45 CFR 46, 101(b)(4)) for the period indicated above. We operate under many Government requirements. As a result, this approval is granted with the following understandings:

1. If this is a sponsored project, then the study may not be activated until the Clinical Research Group has received BOTH a fully executed sponsored agreement AND appropriate letter(s) of indemnification by the sponsor. If this is not a sponsored study (designated "internal"), the costs of the project must be identified and a cost center designated. Please call 215-255-7857 if you have any questions regarding these procedures.
2. You must advise the IRB of the activation date. Use the attached form for this purpose.
3. Protected Health Information (PHI) cannot be collected without a Waiver of Authorization per HIPAA regulations.
4. Any change to the protocol must be submitted in writing and approved by the IRB in advance.
5. Any adverse reaction must be reported to the IRB as soon as it occurs.

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**In the tradition of Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Medical College<sup>†</sup>**  
Philadelphia Mailer & Sonnet Corporation is a Drexel University College of Medicine is a separate not-for-profit subsidiary of Drexel University.  
Drexel University is not involved in patient care.

6. Should the IRB decide to monitor your project directly, please cooperate fully. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of this approval and notification to the sponsor and/or Federal agencies. Specific information regarding monitoring appears in the book: "Guidelines for Biomedical and Behavioral Research Involving Human Subjects", obtainable through this office or via the website <http://research.drexel.edu>.
7. Whether or not this protocol is activated, the IRB will conduct a Continuing Review at least annually. Should you fail to respond to this Federally-required progress report, the project may become ineligible for re-approval and the IRB may choose not to consider other projects for approval.
8. A final progress report must be submitted to the IRB in format similar to that of a periodic report.

The IRB welcomes your research project into the list of approved protocols. Your compliance with the above conditions will help to protect the continuation of all research activity at the University. With your project and others like it, we look forward to additions to knowledge of human health and benefits to science, our patients, and society.

cc: Dept Chair, Tenet, and Drexel



**MEMORANDUM**  
**Institutional Review Board (IRB #3)**

**ACTIVATION NOTICE**

TO: Institutional Review Board (IRB #3)  
1601 Cherry Street, Suite 10444, 3-Parkway, Philadelphia, Pa 19102  
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FROM: Mary Duden, MBA  
Provost / School of Public Health

SUBJECT: ACTIVATION OF HUMAN RESEARCH PROTOCOL ENTITLED  
Faith-Based Outreach to Uninsured Children  
PROJECT No: 1043547, PROTOCOL No: 18747, ACTION No: 53723 Type: New Period: 1 Seq: 1  
DETAIL No: 261261  
DATE OF APPROVAL: EXPIRES

Date: 1/6/2010

This is to inform the IRB that the subject protocol was activated\* on 1/6/2010. I understand that a Periodic Report for Continuing Review or Final Summary is due on or before the above Expiration Date.

☒ Yes I have a copy of the University's Human Subjects Guidelines and Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) to the OHRP, as required in 45 CFR Part 46.  
☐ No

**NOTE**

The University Guidelines for Biomedical and Behavioral Research for the protection of human subjects have been posted on the Office of Research website.

There are two sets of Guidelines - one each for Medical and Non-Medical Research.

You must have a hard copy and read these Guidelines to make sure that these Guidelines are met.

To download a copy of the University Guidelines, follow the below instructions:

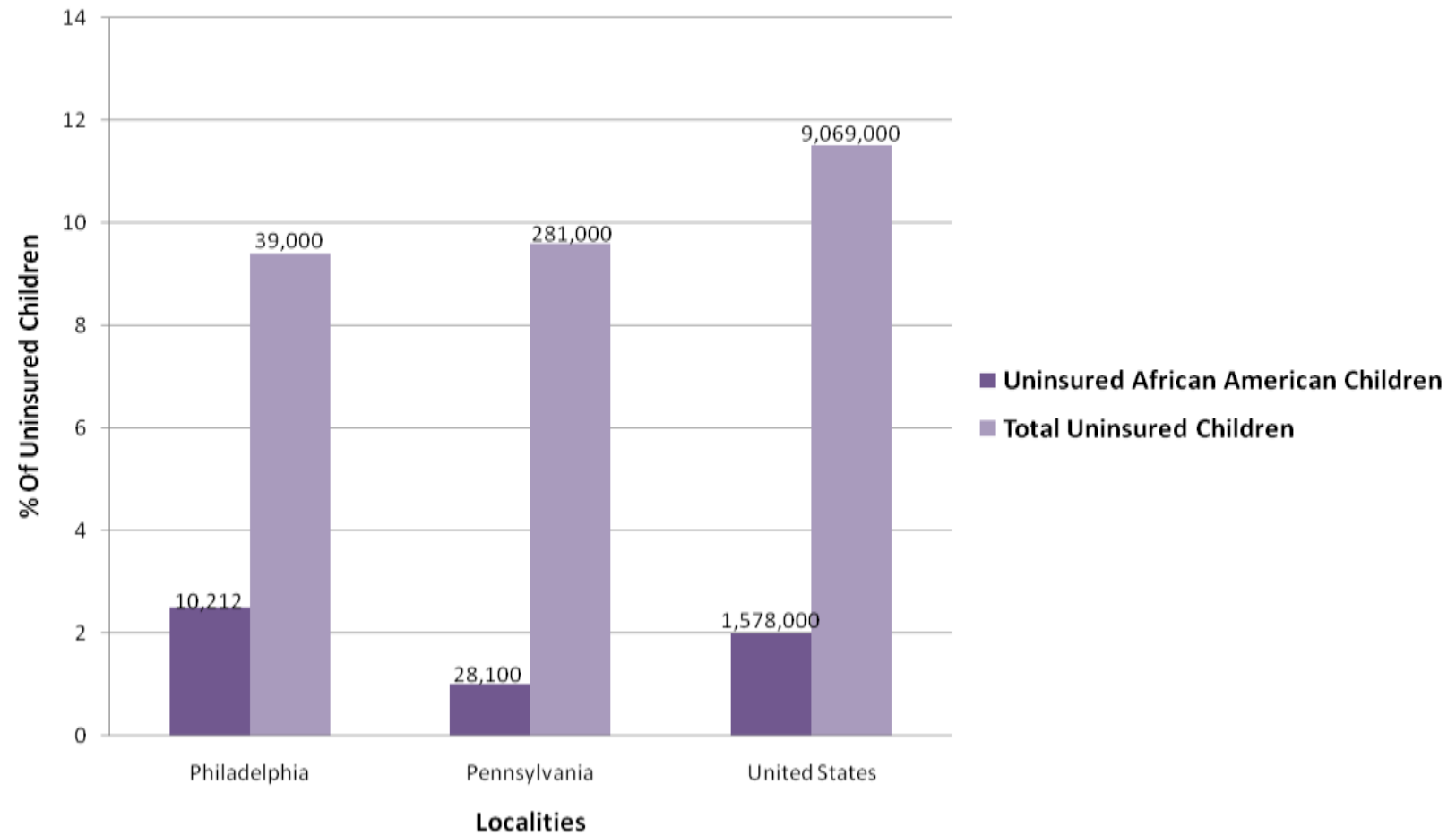
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(Signed) Duden, Mary

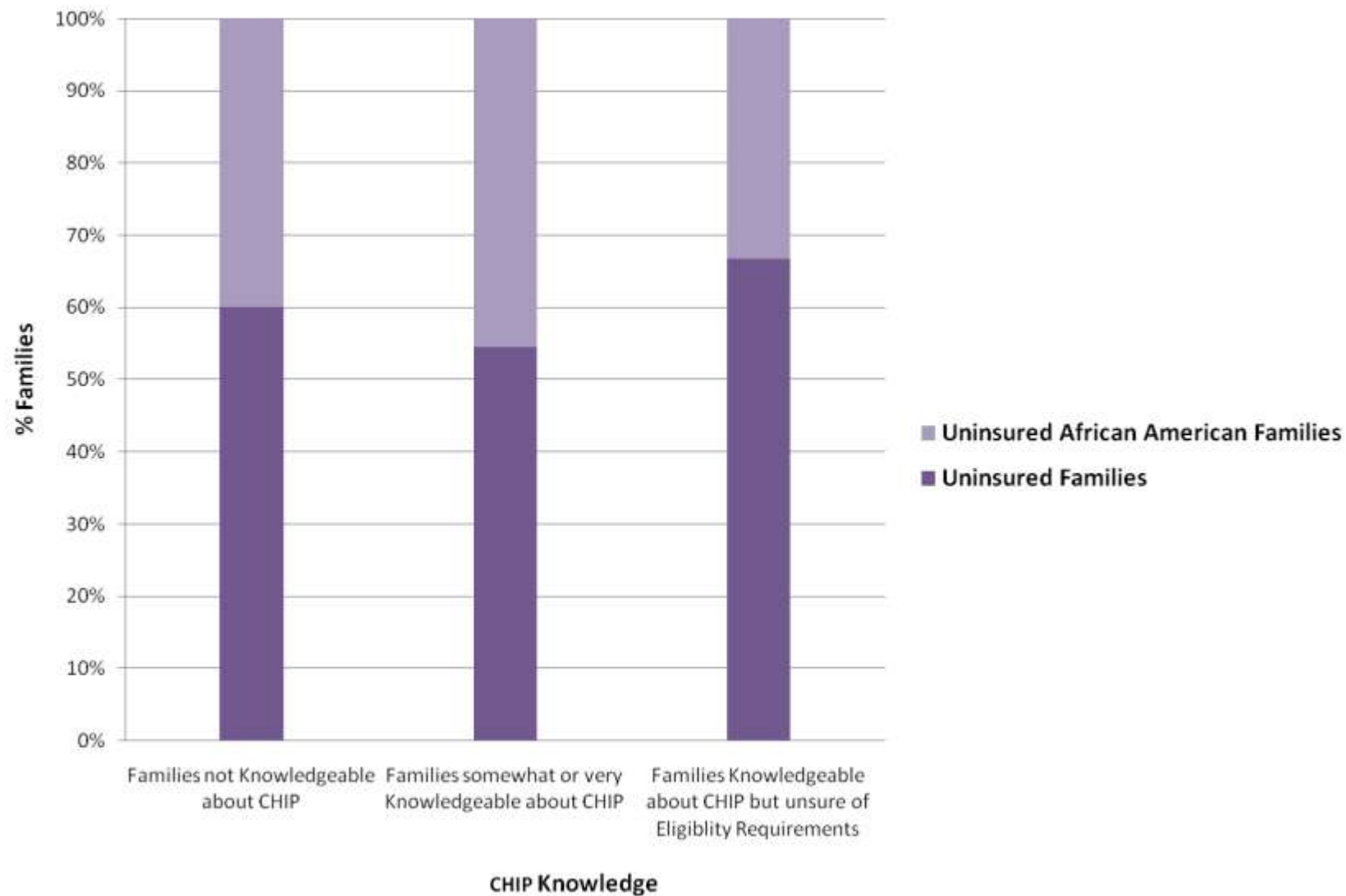
\* "Activated" means that the first new human subject was accrued, or an experimental procedure was performed, or records were reviewed under this protocol on or after the date of last approval.

Accordingly, this notice must be sent to the IRB ONLY for the FIRST such accrual since that date.

**Appendix B**  
**Breakdown of Uninsured African American Children by Locality**



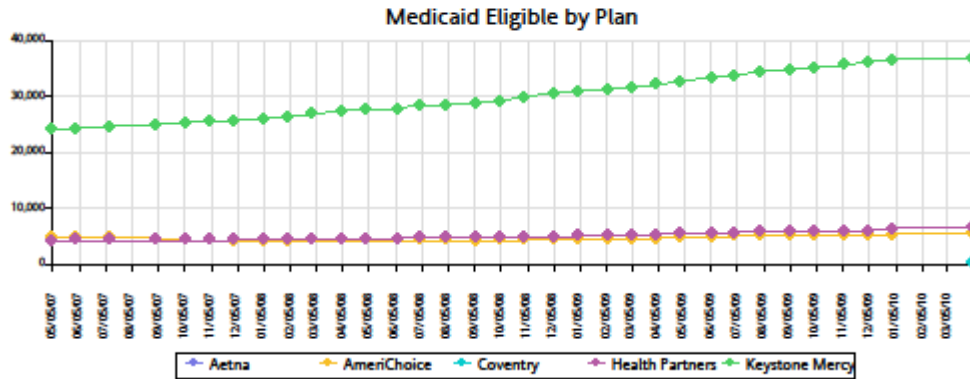
**Appendix C**  
**Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Knowledge Among African American Families**



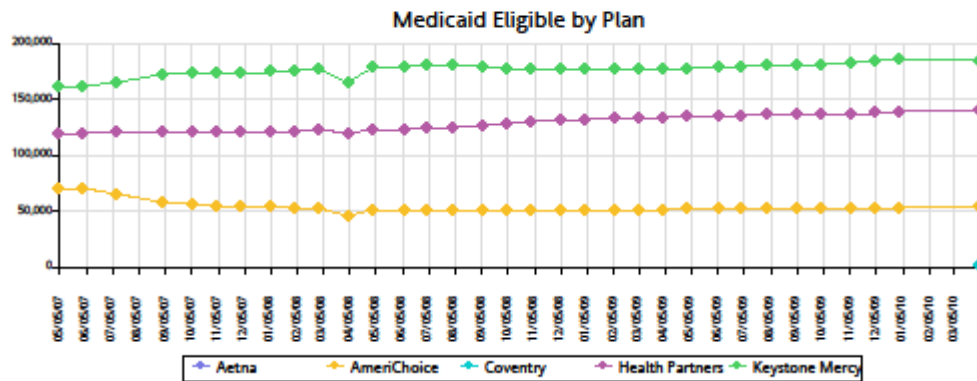
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### Department of Welfare Medicaid Eligibility by Region

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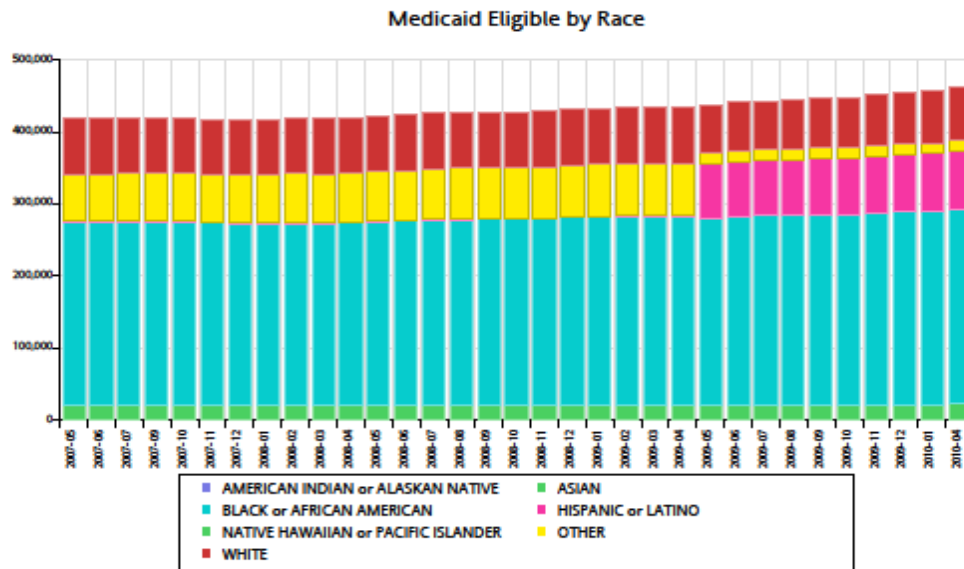
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## Appendix E

### Department of Welfare Medicaid Eligibility by Race

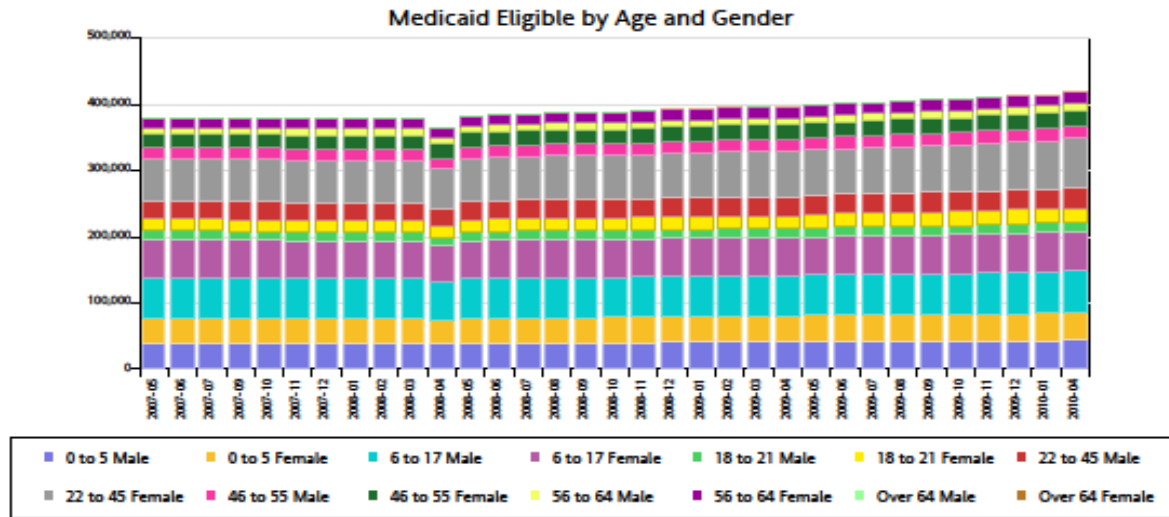
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### Department of Welfare Medicaid Eligibility by Age and Gender

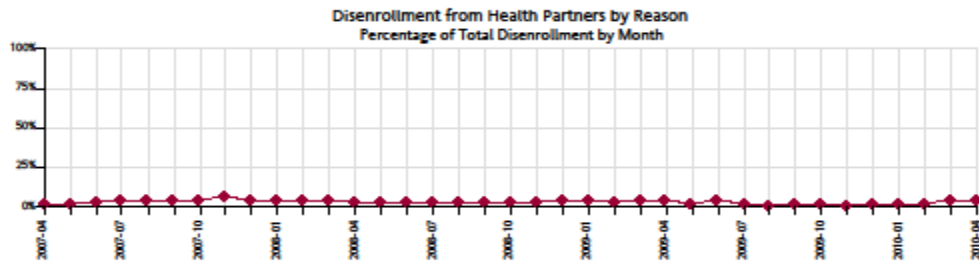
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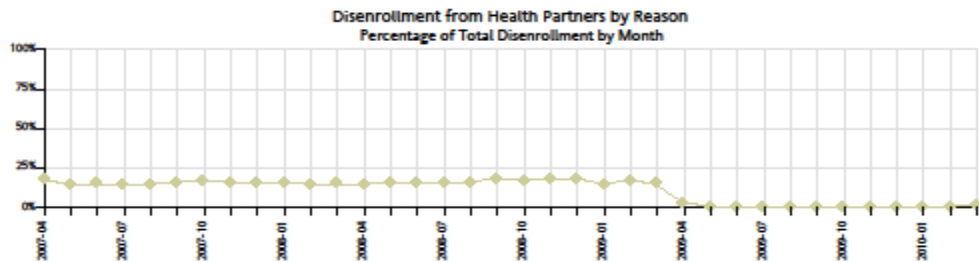
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### Department of Welfare Disenrollment from Health Partners by Reason

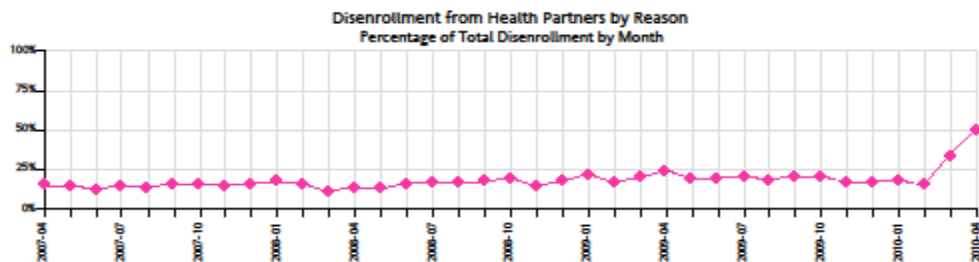
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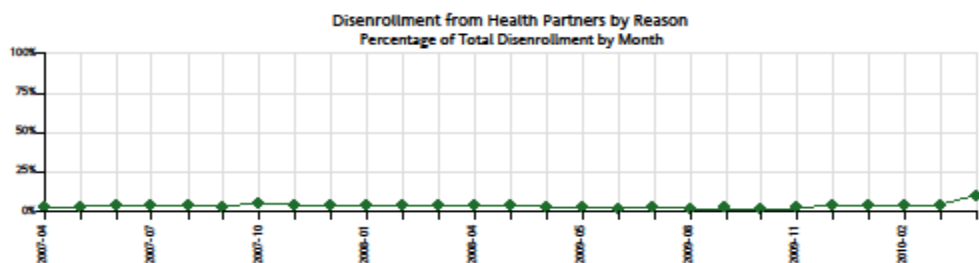
#### Family/Friend recommendation



#### Prefers another MCO's benefits



#### Prefers nonparticipating doctor, specialist, hospital, or other provider



Source: DFW Weekly Enrollment data

04/16/10

## Appendix H

### Health Partners Target Zone for Faith-based Initiative (Philadelphia)





## Appendix I

### Health Partners CHIP Brochure with Perforated Lead Card

*the easy choice for my kids' healthcare insurance!*

☐ Please send more information about CHIP, brought to you by KidzPartners.

☐ Sí, deseo saber por qué CHIP, el programa ofrecido por KidzPartners, es la opción práctica para el seguro médico de mis hijos.

☐ Por favor, envíenme más información acerca de CHIP, un programa ofrecido por KidzPartners.



Name/Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Dirección \_\_\_\_\_

City/Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_

State/Estado \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Código Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Teléfono \_\_\_\_\_

problemas en cualquier momento

**¿CHIP está al alcance de mi presupuesto?**  
Según el tamaño de su familia y su nivel de ingresos, sus hijos pueden tener cobertura GRATIS o por una prima mensual baja. Miles de familias de Pensilvania confían en CHIP para brindarles cobertura a sus hijos.

**¿Qué servicios tienen cobertura?**  
Entre los beneficios de CHIP se encuentran los siguientes:

- Visitas cuando su hijo(a) esté enfermo y visitas de atención de bienestar
- Recetas
- Servicios odontológicos de rutina
- Exámenes oftalmológicos y anteojos
- Pruebas de laboratorio y radiografías
- Atención de emergencia
- Atención hospitalaria
- Servicios de salud mental y para el abuso de sustancias
- ¡Y mucho más!

**¿Cómo puedo solicitarlo?**  
Llámenos al número que aparece más adelante y le ayudaremos a presentar una solicitud de CHIP. De lo contrario, utilice la solicitud en línea, disponible en [www.kidzpartners.com](http://www.kidzpartners.com), o envíenos por correo la tarjeta con franqueo pago que se adjunta y nosotros le remitiremos una solicitud impresa en papel. Usted tiene muchas opciones, así que no espere para solicitar la cobertura! Comuníquese con nosotros hoy mismo para obtener más información acerca de CHIP, el programa ofrecido por KidzPartners:  
**215-967-4540 or 1-888-888-1211**  
**(TTY 1-877-454-8477)**  
**[www.kidzpartners.com](http://www.kidzpartners.com)**  
O visite el sitio Web de CHIP de Pensilvania en **[www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com)**

Los beneficios de KidzPartners son proporcionados por Health Partners, un plan médico que tiene contrato con el Departamento de Seguros de Pensilvania (Pennsylvania Insurance Department).



If you're looking for a way to cover your kids, look no further than KidzPartners. You'll find it's more than the spelling of our name that's a little different.

CHIP, brought to you by KidzPartners, is backed by Health Partners, a health plan started in 1985 by leading area hospitals, with a strong record of caring for our community – and high member satisfaction.

### **What is CHIP?**

CHIP is a state- and federally-funded insurance program for uninsured children and teens up to age 19. Almost all uninsured kids in Pennsylvania are eligible – no family makes too much money for CHIP. Your children may qualify if they are:

- Under age 19
- Pennsylvania residents and U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or qualified aliens
- Currently uninsured and not eligible for Medical Assistance

### **Why choose CHIP, brought to you by KidzPartners?**

You'll have all the benefits of CHIP, plus:

- Extra benefits, such as a fitness benefit that can be used at many area fitness centers, and a Weight Watchers benefit available to members age 10 and older
- Care from doctors right in your community, plus specialists and other healthcare providers that are among the best in the Delaware Valley
- The security of coverage from a non-profit health plan owned by some of the region's leading hospitals
- Access to our 24-hour Member Relations line, for help with questions or problems anytime

children may be covered for FREE, or for a low monthly premium. Thousands of Pennsylvania families trust CHIP to cover their children.

### **What is covered?**

CHIP benefits include:

- Sick visits and well-child care
- Prescriptions
- Routine dental services
- Eye exams and eyeglasses
- Lab tests and x-rays
- Emergency care
- Hospital care
- Mental health and substance abuse services
- And much more!

Call us at the number below, and help you file a CHIP application. Or drop the attached postage-paid application in the mail, and we'll send you a CHIP application. You have lots of choice, don't wait to apply!

Contact us today to learn more about brought to you by KidzPartners:  
**215-967-4540 or 1-888-888-1211**  
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[www.kidzpartners.com](http://www.kidzpartners.com)

Or visit Pennsylvania's CHIP website:  
[www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com)


KidzPartners benefits are provided by Health Partners, a health plan contracted with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.





## Appendix J

### Crazy Praise Dance Showcase Advertisement Flyer



Celebrate wellness through dance  
at Health Partners

# CRAZY PRAISE Dance SHOWCASE

featuring

- Philadelphia's most talented HIP HOP, MIME and YOUTH praise dancers!
- Stellar-award winning Gospel Artist Tye Tribbett and Greater Anointing
- Point Breeze Performing Arts Center
- Celebrity guests, including Praise 103.9's *Lonnie Hunter*

**Saturday, November 14**  
Zion Baptist Church  
3600 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA  
**5:30 p.m.**

Crazy Praise is **FREE** and open to the public, but **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.**

Tickets available at select Fresh Grocer Stores.  
Seating is limited (4 tickets per person),  
so call 215-967-4514 or visit  
[www.healthpart.com](http://www.healthpart.com) for  
more information.

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# LET'S DANCE

Appendix K

Cover the Uninsured Week Grand Finale Events Flyer

**Cover the Uninsured Week**  
**March 14 - 21, 2010**

**Don't kid around!**  
**Insure your child's health.**



CHIP offers FREE  
or low-cost  
health insurance for  
uninsured kids and teens.



Pennsylvania's Children's  
Health Insurance Program  
We Cover All Kids.

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## Grand Finale Events:

**Saturday, March 20**

<b>ShopRite of Haverford</b> 6710 Haverford Ave Phila., PA 19151 10a.m. — 4p.m.	<b>ShopRite of Parkside</b> 1575 N. 52nd Street Phila., PA 19131 10a.m. — 4p.m.	<b>ShopRite of Cheltenham</b> 2385 Cheltenham Ave. Phila., PA 19150 10a.m. — 4p.m.
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**Sunday, March 21**

<b>Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church</b> 2800 W. Cheltenham Ave Phila., PA 19150	<b>Deliverance Evangelistic Church</b> 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue Phila., PA 19132
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## Appendix L

### CHURCH LISTINGS IN PHILADELPHIA REGION (SOUTHEAST)

CHURCHES	Location	Phone/fax	website? email?	Community programs/ministries
First Timothy	3940 W. Girard, 19104	(215) 382- 3634	none	
Bible School Mission Pentecostal Church	4508 Lancaster Ave, 19104 (or 19131?)	(215) 879- 2628	none	
Calvary Episcopal Church	814 N. 41st. 19104	(215) 222- 2070	none	
Cathedral Church of the Savior*	3723 Chestnut Street, 19104	215 386 0234	<a href="http://www.philadelphiacathedral.org">www.philadelphiacathedral.org</a>	<p>Cathedral Outreach Ministries – Cathedral Connections:  <a href="http://www.philadelphiacathedral.org/folders/view/160-cathedral-outreach-ministries-cathedral-connections">http://www.philadelphiacathedral.org/folders/view/160-cathedral-outreach-ministries-cathedral-connections</a>            St. Barnabas Mission – “The mission provides safe, decent housing and support to help homeless families get back on their feet. Located at 60th Street and Girard Avenue, the 24-hour facility provides housing and services for 105 homeless women and children every day... It is enhanced shelter where staff works with residents to prepare mothers and children for school, work, and independent living.”            Partners with PEC – People’s Emergency Center – helps young women and single mothers to “break free from the past and become strong, productive contributors to society by providing housing, health care, and education.”</p> <p>For additional information on Cathedral Outreach Ministries, please call 215.386.0234, ext 104 or email Stacey Middleton at <a href="mailto:staceym@philadelphiacathedral.org">staceym@philadelphiacathedral.org</a></p>



Chestnut St. Baptist Church (aka Christ Community Church of Philadelphia"	4017 Chestnut St. 19104	215-243-3630	<a href="http://www.cccphila.org/">http://www.cccphila.org/</a>	They do have Outreach Ministries although it doesn't specify the services. Administrative Assistant, Alesia Daniels at admin@cccphila.org for more details. Men's, Women's, Youth, Young Adult ministries, other small groups are held They do hold concerts and worship
Christ Church and Academy	4233 Chestnut St. 19104		none	
Christ Community Baptist Church*	1224-30 N. 41st St., 19104	(215)877-4000 - (215)877-4080 fax	<a href="http://christcommunitybaptistchurch.com/">http://christcommunitybaptistchurch.com/</a> arthurwhite45@verizon.net	Partnership With Ex-Offender Organization Homeless Action Ministry Pente-Ministry of Ministries: (Matthew 25:31-40) The Men's Discipling Ministry is reaching out to men in order to remind them of physical and spiritual health issues. Other ministries are also reaching out to their target groups. We are planning in your name to reach out to the youth and families in this neighborhood using structured recreational activities that are tied to academics. Khalil Bundy has committed himself to lead this outreach and it should be in place by spring 2010.
Christian Mission Fellowship	539 N. 36th St. 19104		None	
Church of Faith	772 N. 38th Street., 19104	215-386-5139 - Fax: 215-386-4403	<a href="http://churchoffaithinc.com/">http://churchoffaithinc.com/</a>	COF - Wellness Program
Church of God of Prophecy	617 N. 41st St., 19104	(215) 382-4550	none	
Church of New Hope and Faith	661 N. 39th St., 19104		none	
Church of the Living God	737 N. 43rd St., 19104	(215) 222-9605	none	
Church of the Lord Jesus	4958 Lancaster Ave., 19104		none	
Church of the Redeemer	42nd and Baltimore		none	

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COG/Jesus Christ Our Lord	3929 Lancaster Ave., 19104		none	
Community Baptist Church	4000 Spring Garden St., 19104		none	
Covenant Community Church	4211 Chestnut St., 19104	215 222-5653	none	
Cross of Calvary Baptist Church	3863 Poplar St., 19104		none	
Fellowship Bible Church	4107 Aspen St., 19104	(215) 386-4610	none	
First African Presbyterian Church	4159 W. Girard Ave., 19104	(215) 473-3806	www.firstafrican.us (under construction)	
First Baptist Church of Paschall	2108 S. 71st St., 19104	215-724-3294	none	



First Episcopal District AME*	3801 Market St. 19104	Phone: 215-662- 0506Fax: 215-662- 0199	<a href="http://www.1stdistrict-ame.com/contact-us.asp">http://www.1stdistrict-ame.com/contact-us.asp</a>	<p>Women's Missionary Society The Young People's Division (YPD) of the Women's Missionary Society provides meaningful youth training programs and opportunities for leadership experience in all areas of church life. The Sons of Allen is a ministry in the local and connectional church that is formed for the purpose of encouraging men to become involved in helping other men find Christ their lives. This network is a powerful resource for outreach and ministry and our goal is to get men involved in all aspects of the AME Church. the lay organization - Training around issues such as church legislation, voter registration and political activism, stewardship and evangelism, religious and secular education, economic development, advocacy and leadership empowerment helps prepare laypersons for effective service. The Department of Evangelism and Church Growth and Development assists our pastors by extending a missional outreach. The Richard Allen Young Adult Council is a connectional ministry for the AME church whose purpose is to coordinate all youth work and activities in the Connection. It provides an opportunity for ministry and fellowship for every youth and young adult through worship, study, evangelism, social action and historical research. Self Help, Inc. is an initiative of the First District that builds on the Church's longstanding commitment to the community and helping people in all aspects of their lives. Department of Christian Education - The role of the Department of Christian Education in the African Methodist Episcopal Church is vast and requires a host of laypersons and ministers and other church workers and volunteers doing a wide variety of things to continually build Christian education throughout the Church. College and Seminaries - From its founding, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has been committed to academic excellence, higher education and Christian leadership. Our commitment spans internationally to attract students through an intensive interdenominational outreach; compatible with that of similar denominations reflecting equal membership. -Annual Conferences are held</p>
First Resurrection Baptist	3820 Lancaster Avenue	215-386- 6440	3820 Lancaster Avenue. 19104	

First United Baptist Church	3728-30 Haverford Ave , 19104	215.349.9113	<a href="http://netministries.org/see/churches.exe/ch22474">http://netministries.org/see/churches.exe/ch22474</a>	
Freedom Bible Fellowship	4500 Westminster Ave., 19104	(215) 473-7628	none	
Full Truth Gospel Church of God	3929 Lancaster Ave., 19104		none	
Glory Baptist Church	4200 Aspen St., 19104		none	
Godshall Temple House of Prayer for Allq	637 N. Preston St., 19104		none	
Grace Chapel	4040 W. Girard Ave., 19104		none	
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	3600 Haverford Ave., 19104		none	
Gravelly Memorial Church	3946 Parrish St., 19104		none	
Greater St. John UCOG	856 N. 40th St., 19104	(215) 382-2982	none	
Guiding Light Mission of Seventh Day Adventists	4018 Fairmount Ave., 19104	<del>(215)382-2593</del>	none	
Heavenly Hall Gospel Temple	4012 Poplar St. - 19104	(215) 386-4445	none	
Highway Church of Christ	3921 Powelton Ave., 19104	(267) 531-7611	none	
Hilliard	867 Holly	(215) 386-	none	

Station Baptist	St. - 19104	4483		
Holy Moriah	4016 W. Girard Ave. - 19104		none	
Holy Tabernacle COGIC	3835 Haverford Ave. - 19104	(215) 387-6747	none	
Jesus Holy Temple	743 N. 44th St. - 19104		none	
Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses Haverford	3951 Lancaster Ave - 19104		none	
Lily of Valley Bible Way Chapel	3946 Parrish St., 19104		none	
Lombard Central Presbyterian Church	4201 Powelton Ave., 19104	(215) 222-3044	none	
Lubavitch House	4032 Spruce St., 19104	(215) 222-3130	none	
Masjid Jamia	4320 Walnut St., 19104	215-898-0605		
McCloud Tabernacle Church	4243 W. Girard Ave - 19104		none	
Metropolitan Baptist Church	3500 Baring St. - 19104	215-222-3930	none	
Millcreek Baptist Church	641 N. Preston - 19104	215-386-2989	none	

Mount Olive Baptist Church*	638 N. 37th - 19104	(215) 382-5552	<a href="http://www.mtobc.org/">http://www.mtobc.org/</a>	Music Ministry - Mass Choir, Men of Mt. Olive, Youth Choir, Praise Team; Building Steering Committee Ministry Church Counselor Ministry Deaconess Ministry Missionary Ministry Newsletter Ministry Nurses Ministry Pantry {Food} Ministry Ushers Ministry Van Service Ministry Women's Ministry Young Men's Ministry Youth Ministry Young Women's Ministry
Mount Zion Holy Church	4110 Haverford Ave. - 19104	(215) 349-6734		
Mt. Ephraim Christian Church	3812 Lancaster Ave. - 19104	(215) 386-8687		
Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church	42nd and Wallace St. - 19104	Phone: 215-386-5638 Fax : 215-382-6551	<a href="http://www.motbc.org/">http://www.motbc.org/</a> (under construction)	
Mt. Pisgah AME*	428 N. 41st. - 19104	Phone: (215) 386-6181	<a href="http://www.mtpisgahamec.org/home">http://www.mtpisgahamec.org/home</a> <a href="mailto:info@mtpisgahamec.org">info@mtpisgahamec.org</a>	Outreach Ministries: various services at <a href="http://www.mtpisgahamec.org/outreach_ministries">http://www.mtpisgahamec.org/outreach_ministries</a>
Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church	435 N. 38th St. 19104	(215) 386-4060	none	
Mt. Zion Church of	742 N. Brooklyn St.	(215) 662-5808	none	

Christ	19104			
New Bethel Apostolic Church	4221 Aspen St. 19104	(215) 222-1228	none	
New Bethlehem Baptist Church	Preston and Aspen Street 19104		none	
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church	521 N. 34th St. 19104	(215) 382-3911	none	
New Life Church of the Lord Jesus Christ	651 N. 40th St. 19104		none	
New Light National Baptist Church	3849 Lancaster Ave 19104		none	
Penn Newman Center	3720 Chestnut St 19104	(215) 898-7575	<a href="http://www.newman.upenn.edu/ext/">http://www.newman.upenn.edu/ext/</a>	Various Community services: <a href="http://www.newman.upenn.edu/ext/Activities/CSEvents.asp">http://www.newman.upenn.edu/ext/Activities/CSEvents.asp</a>
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Philadelphia	3909 Lancaster Ave 19104	(215) 387-7136	none	
Prayer and Faith Temple	3959 Lancaster Ave 19104	(215) 386-7675	none	
Radio Church of God	4105 Chestnut St. 19104	(215) 386-4799	none	
Refuge Deliverance Holiness Church	3419 Haverford Ave 19104	(215) 387-3917	none	
Resurrection Community Methodist	401 N. 38th St. 19104	(215) 724-0822	none	

Revelation Church of Lord Jesus	507 N. 41st St. 19104		none	
Second Antioch Baptist Church	912-18 N. 41st St. 19104	215-387-6774	<a href="http://secondantiochbaptist.org/">http://secondantiochbaptist.org/</a>	Every Wednesdays: 1:00p -2:30p Afternoon Bible Study 7:00p -8:30p Bible Study
Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church*	3814-20 Parrish St 19104	ph: 215-382-1536 fax: 215-382-4656	<a href="http://www.secondmountzion.org/">http://www.secondmountzion.org/</a>	Health, Fitness, & Weight Loss Ministry The Health, Fitness, and Weight Loss Ministry is comprised of men and women who are devoted to the purification and sanctification of their bodies as because they are the temple of God. Runned by: Sis. Gwendolyn Owens
Sonrise Christian Fellowship	4101 W. Girard Ave 19104		none	

				<p>Hospital Ministries: St. Agatha - St. James is the host parish for Catholic patients and their families who come to the area hospitals for medical treatment, especially those from outside of the region, state, or country. We are entrusted with the pastoral care of Catholic patients at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), and Presbyterian Medical Center, and our church community prays for all those experiencing the challenges of sickness or injury. Community Outreach University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC) serves meals to the homeless and poor in the University City area. These meals are hosted Mondays in the lower level of the Penn Newman Center, and Wednesdays in the basement of the church building of St. Agatha - St. James. The meals are served at 6pm; volunteers are welcome to come between 5:00-7:00pm to help set up, serve, and/or clean up. Just show up! Aid For Friends is a non-profit interfaith organization that provides free meals and a friendly visit to those who are isolated and homebound of any age. The group may also be able to help in care-giving situations. There are many residents in Philadelphia who could use your help. Aid for Friends has freezers throughout the city with frozen meals. All you need to do is select meals from the nearest freezer and drop the meals off to your friend once a week. If you feel more comfortable, this can be done in groups. To make it even easier there is a freezer located in the Drexel Newman Center. This is a very simple, worthwhile project that can really make a difference! For more information contact the Newman Center. Hospital Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients in one of the area hospitals, as part of St. Agatha - St. James' commitment to Hospital Ministry. Please sign up or contact Fr. George directly if you think you might have a calling to this ministry or would like to talk with one of our Eucharistic ministers about what it's like to visit the hospitals.</p>
St. Agatha/St. James*	3728 Chestnut St 19104	Telephone: 215-386-9732 Fax: 215-386-9734	http://www.saintsaj.org/ E-Mail: info@saintsaj.org	
St. Andre & St. Monica	3600 Baring St. 19104	(215) 222-7606	none	
St. Ignatius of Loyola	636 N. 43rd St. 19104	Rectory Phone: 215-386-	http://www.loebigin k.com/ignatius/	

		5065 Rectory Fax: 215- 386-2832		
St. James Baptist Church	743 N. 44th St. - 19104	215-222- 5754	none	
St. James Holiness Church	624 N. 43rd St 19104		none	
James Pentecostal Church	4101-05 Ludlow 19104		none	
Joseph's Baptist Church	125 S. 40th St. 19104		none	
Jude Baptist Church	632 N. 38th St 19104	215-386- 3633 or (215) 386- 4719	none	



St. Mary's Episcopal Church*	3916 Locust Walk 19104	215) 386- 3916 (voice)(215 ) 386-7288 (fax)	webadmin@stmary satpenn.orghttp://w ww.stmarysatpenn. org/	<p>OUTREACH Outreach and Community Service at St. Mary's St. Mary's is also proud of its long tradition of social activism; here church membership carries with it a concomitant obligation to work actively for the betterment of all. Our commitment is grounded solidly in the theological values we espouse, in the God of justice and love we worship, and in the commandment that we love one another as God has loved us. For at least 40 years, St. Mary's has had an institutional concern with working for peace and justice in the world, in the United States, and in University City. St. Marians have been in the forefront of issues of world peace, disarmament, social and economic justice, and racial, ethnic, gender and sexual orientation fairness for a long time.</p> <p>Homelessness Believing that every person has an inherent right to food, shelter, education, and health care, St. Mary's founded in the mid-1980's and continues to support strongly the University City Hospitality Coalition. This all volunteer program provides hot meals five days a week and a good meal every day of the week for upwards of 200 homeless and hungry residents of University City in host churches, of which St. Mary's is one. UCHC also supports dental, medical, legal, and social work clinics that match Penn professional school students and UCHC clients and work not only to provide care but also to advocate for economic justice in a largely unjust world. St. Mary's is the locus for food storage and handling for UCHC, and St. Mary's parishioners coordinate the meals program and serve as UCHC volunteer coordinator (both volunteer jobs).</p> <p>Children For almost 40 years, St. Mary's has acted out its commitment to quality affordable education for children of all races and ethnicities by operating St. Mary's Nursery School. About 50 pre-school children attend the school and reflect the great diversity of the community in their make-up. St. Mary's Nursery School attempts to make child care and education as affordable to as many of its students as possible. Beginning in fall 2002, St. Mary's will host a four afternoon-per-week tutoring and reading skills program with third-grade students from the Lea Elementary School, a local public school. The Neighborhood Bike Works, located in the Parish Hall basement, provides opportunities to West Philadelphia youth to learn bicycle safety and repair, obtain</p>
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				<p>safe and reasonably bikes, and to take organized bicycle rides. In response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, St. Mary's created the St. Mary's Respite Center, now an independent entity providing care for children living with HIV and for the children of adult parents with HIV. Peace and Justice During the long years of the Vietnam war, St. Mary's was both a prophetic voice opposing war and supporting peace and a literal sanctuary for many young men who for reasons of conscience would not serve in the military. That commitment to achieving a just peace in the world and opposing war is still alive and well. What is clear to many of us is that in 2002 as in 1962 (when the Vietnam conflict began) and given the enormity of the United State's own injustices, there are better ways to achieve peace abroad and equity at home than by dropping million dollar bombs from billion dollar planes, often on civilians. Civil Rights For many years, St. Mary's has been involved in the struggle for achieving full civil rights for those people in the United States historically denied those rights: people of color, women, and sexual minorities. One way we do this is by being attentive to issues of language in our liturgy, understanding that the language we use shapes our view of the world as well as reflecting it. We have also, through the years, supported inter-racial discussion groups to foster dialogue and change, and hosted the first lesbian and gay religious organizations (Integrity and Dignity) in their early years. St. Mary's hired openly gay clergy for most of the decade of the 1990's, and its current Rector is an openly gay man active in the community. Believing the death penalty to be inherently racist and unfair, St. Mary's opposes it strongly and is a member of Pennsylvania Abolitionists. During the late 1980's, when southeast Asian refugees began to settle in large numbers in University City, St. Mary's pioneered a program that provided education, health care, and social supports for many of those newly arriving in the neighborhood, particularly those coming from Cambodia. This program was later absorbed by community-based organizations.</p>
St. Paul united Holy Church	3832 Haverford Ave 19104	(215) 386- 9319	none	
Tabernacle	4306		none	

Church of New Jerusalem	Fairmount Ave 19104			
Tabernacle United Church	3700 Chestnut St 19104	215-386-4100	<a href="http://www.tabunited.org/">http://www.tabunited.org/</a>	Education  We have children's Sunday School during the second half of the service, and adult education (tab.edu) after coffee hour (typically 11:45 am to 1:00 pm).
Transfiguration Baptist Church	3800 Fairmount Avenue 19104		none	
True Holiness Church	872 N. 40th St. 19104	(215) 222-4294	none	
True Light Mission Church	3861 Lancaster Ave 19104	(215) 386-1918	none	
True Mission Holy Church	3931 Lancaster Ave 19104	(215) 382-6140	none	
Tyree A.M.E. Church	38th and Hamilton St. 19104	(215) 222-5620/Fax 222-0211	none	
Unification Church	123 S. 41st St. 19104	(215) 222-6381	none	
The United House of Prayer for all People	4033 Haverford Ave 19104	(215) 222-3677	none	
Unity Mission Church	907 N. 41 St. 19104	215-222-8699	none	
University Lutheran Church	3637 Chestnut St. 19104	Phone: 215-387-2885 Fax: 215-387-2848	<a href="http://www.uniluphila.org/SocialMinistry/">http://www.uniluphila.org/SocialMinistry/</a>	
Usher Brotherhood/	3953 Lancaster		none	

Ladies Aux. Inc.	Ave 19104			
Victory Baptist Church Inc	4238 Wallace St 19104	(215) 387-4973	none	
Ward AME Church	4300 Aspen St 19104		none	
West Philadelphia Assembly for Christ	3624 Haverford Ave 19104	(215) 387-6912	none	
Woodland Presbyterian Church	401 S. 42nd St. 19104	215-386-1724	<a href="http://www.woodlandpres.net/office@woodlandpres.net">http://www.woodlandpres.net/office@woodlandpres.net</a>	They do have an Outreach Unit (doesn't specify services)
Yokefellow of Our Lord Jesus Christ	4007-11 Lancaster Ave 19104		none	
40th St. Church of God	5625 W. Berks St 19131		none	
Alleyne Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church	1251 N. 55th St. 19131		none	
Bibleway Baptist Church	1323 N. 52nd St. 19131	215 477-0778, Fax: 215 477-6709	<a href="http://www.biblewaybaptist.org/bibleway/">http://www.biblewaybaptist.org/bibleway/</a>	Every Wednesdays: Bible Study
Bibleway Church of the Lord Jesus	5188 Media St. 19131		none	
Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church	5620 Wyalusing Ave. 19131		<a href="http://www.camphormemorial.org/">http://www.camphormemorial.org/</a> <a href="mailto:info@camphormemorial.org">info@camphormemorial.org</a>	Thurs: Bible Study
Christ Chapel N.T. Church	4862 Lancaster Ave 19131	Phone: (215) 878-6612	none	

Christian Stronghold Baptist Church	4701 Lancaster Ave 19131	(215) 877-1530	<a href="http://www.christianstronghold.com/">http://www.christianstronghold.com/</a>	
Church of the Living God	58th and Thompson St. 19131		none	
Community Bible Deliverance Church	1669 N. Wilton St. 19131	(215) 871-4113 or (215) 473-6103	none	
Community Bible Tabernacle Church	5220 Wynnefield Ave 19131	(215) 878-7461	none	
Evangelistic Church	5115 Master St. 19131	(215) 879-4393	none	
Faith Memorial Baptist Church	5211 Master St. 19131	215-878-1115	none	
For the Love of Jesus Evangelist Church	5115 Master St. 19131	(215) 879-4393	none	
Gates of Heaven Church	1755 N. 57th St. 19131	(215) 877-7322	none	
Goodwill Tabernacle Baptist Church	5625 Haverford Ave. 19131	(215) 472-8600	none	
Greater Bible Way Temple	438 N. 63rd St. 19151	(215) 472-4633	none	
International Muslim Brotherhood	4637 Lancaster Ave 19131	Phone: 215-473-8589	<a href="http://www.al-aqsaislamicsociety.com/gpage.html">http://www.al-aqsaislamicsociety.com/gpage.html</a>	
Lincoln Chapel	5310 W. Girard Ave 19131	Phone: (215) 879-8046		

Little Rock Tabernacle	5153 W. Thompson St. 19131	Phone: (215) 473- 8616		
Macedonia Pentecostal Church	1711 N. 52nd St. 19131		none	
Masjid Bawa Muhaiyudde d	5820 Overbrook Ave. 19131		none	
Millenium Baptist Church	1630 N. 52nd St. 19131	215-477- 1347	none	
Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church	4970 Master St. 19131	(215) 747- 4131	none	
Our Mother of Sorrows	1030 N. 48th St. 19131	215-878- 0875	<a href="http://www.archdiocese-phl.org/parishes/7420.htm">http://www.archdiocese-phl.org/parishes/7420.htm</a>	
P.E. Philadelphia Dist AME Church	2217 N. 52nd St. 19131		none	
Philadelphia Masjid Inc	4700 Wyalusing Ave 19131	215-877- 8600	none	
Pinn Memorial Baptist Church	2251 N. 54th St. 19131	(215) 878- 2742	none	
Resurrection Baptist Church	5401 Lansdowne Ave 19131	(215) 473- 9427	none	
Richardson Chapel Church	4848 Lancaster Ave 19131		none	
Saint Barbara's Rectory	5359 Lebanon AVE 19131	215-473- 1044	<a href="http://www.archdiocese-phl.org/parishes/76">http://www.archdiocese-phl.org/parishes/76</a>	

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Saint Paul Holy Church	5726 Haverford Ave 19131	(215) 472-1912	none	
Saint Phillips Evangelical	5200 Wyalusing St 19131		none	
Solid Rock Fellowship Pentecostal Church	5302 Girard Ave 19131	(215) 473-2999		
The Philadelphia Masjid	4700 Wyalusing Ave 19131	2158778600	<a href="http://www.masjids.org/">http://www.masjids.org/</a>	
The Wellness Community Ministries*	Ridgeland Mansion Chamounix	(215) 879-7733 ~ (888) 819-3553 Fax: (215) 879-6575	<a href="http://www.twcp.org/">http://www.twcp.org/</a> <a href="mailto:info@twcp.org">info@twcp.org</a>	They do participate in community-based work: "TWCP provides educational workshops, networking support groups, and other activities for people with cancer and their loved ones living in medically underserved neighborhoods in Philadelphia."
True Light Community Ministries	1453 N. 52nd St 19131		none	
Union Tabernacle Baptist Church	4854 Lancaster Ave 19131		none	

Vine Memorial Baptist Church*	5600 West Girard Ave 19131	Phone: 215-472-1189 Fax: 215-472-4628	<a href="http://www.vinememorialbaptist.org/E-Mail:Bpalmer@vinememorialbaptist.org">http://www.vinememorialbaptist.org/E-Mail:Bpalmer@vinememorialbaptist.org</a>	Ministries: MissionariesChristian EducationMusicFellowshipRecovery MinistriesUshersHospitalityNursesHealingFine ArtsYouth MinistryYoung Adult MinistryMen's MinistryWomen's MinistryEvangelismSeniorsPraise and WorshipGood ShepherdCommunity OutreachMid-Week Prayer
Wayland Temple Baptist Church	2500 Cecil B. Moore Ave 19121	215-769-0243	none	
West Side Baptist Church	2416 N. 54th St. 19131	Church Office:(215 ) 878-1922 Pastor Ed Clark: Cell: (215) 285-6393 Pastor Larry Ashton: Cell: (215)	<a href="http://wsbaptistchurch.com/wsbaptistchurch2.htm">http://wsbaptistchurch.com/wsbaptistchurch2.htm</a>	Sunday Morning: 9:45 AM - Sunday School, for youth and adults 11:00 AM - Worship Sunday Evening: 6:00 PM – Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Mid-Week Bible Study



		530-4498		
Wynnfield Presbyterian Church	2249 N. 54th St 19131	(215) 878- 5712	none	
African Catholic Temple of the Holy Spirit	5322 Spruce St 19139	215-747- 1136	none	
Ala-Branch Baptist Church	877 N. 46th St. 19139	Phone: (215) 386- 4820	none	
Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau	163 N. 60th St. 19139		none	

Beulah Baptist Church*	5001-21 Spruce St. 19139	Phone: (215) 747-4544 Fax: (215) 747-7871	<a href="http://www.skwdministries.com/bb/index.asp">http://www.skwdministries.com/bb/index.asp</a>	<p>Outreach Ministries Home Bible Study Personal Bible study at your home Sandra Mills Various Outreach Adult Lily of the Valley Supporting local Mission endeavors Bettye Geiger Sat. / Monthly Outreach All Love Fellowship Feeding and providing for the Homeless Ron Braxton Sat. / (2nd) Outreach Adult Evangelism Night Outreach Witnessing in the evening Dea. Fielder Friday (1st/3rd) Outreach N/A Care Givers Ministry Assisting those who provide care, visiting sick &amp; shut-in, whether home or in the hospital. Judith Weaver Weekly Outreach Adult Missions Ministry Reaching the lost unto salvation Foreign and Home missions Cynthia Garvin Monthly Outreach All Prison Ministry Traveling to Men &amp; Women prisons, One on one-Mentoring program, Youth Study Center visitations Harriet Wright Monthly Outreach Adult SHARE Ministry Distributes discounted food packages, community outreach Rosemary Rhodes Sat. / Monthly Outreach All Street Witnessing Day Ministry Witnessing to the lost in the local community &amp; vicinity James Mokum Sat. (weekly) Outreach All Widows Ministry Encouraging our Widows thru fellowship &amp; correspondence Alfreda Murray Weekly Outreach Adult Circle of Friends Support group for families with children who have disabilities. Laverne Bullock (4th) Saturday Outreach All Y.A.C.H.A.L Visiting nursing homes to share the Word of God Rev. Donald Dennison Sun. / Monthly Outreach Adult Van Ministry Transporting the elderly and disabled in our Body of Christ to church Dea. Kevin Murray Sat. / Weekly Outreach Senior Citizens</p>
Christ Baptist Church	218 N. 62nd St. 19139	(215) 747-1206	none	-
Christ Memorial Church	1468 N. 52nd St. 19139	Phone: (215) 879-8212	none	
Christian Faith Baptist Church	6014 Market St 19139	(215) 476-1484	none	
Church of the Lord Jesus	237 N. 52nd St 19139	(215) 747-1456	none	

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Sanctuary Church of the Open Door	5923-41 Walnut St 19139	(215) 748-6510	<a href="http://www.sanctuarychurchoftheopendoor.com/#/home/4537277394">http://www.sanctuarychurchoftheopendoor.com/#/home/4537277394</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Education and training of its clergy and laymen.</li> <li>* The establishment of missions and financial support to acceptable existing foreign and domestic mission.</li> <li>* Monitoring and making our voices heard regarding national, local and community concerns both of a social and political nature.</li> </ul>
Attempted not Known Church of the Upward Spiral Ascension	4800 Brown St 19139		none	
Emanuel AME Church	5917 Chestnut St 19139	(215) 747-3227	none	
Emmanuel Church of Philadelphia	48th and Spruce St 19139		none	
Enon Chapel Baptist Church	5426 Sanson St 19139	(215) 476-6161	none	
Evangelist Gospel Crusade Church (Philadelphia Baptist Church)	5447-49 Haverford Ave 19139		none	<p><b>Healthy Relationship</b></p> <p>Youth programs (Friday nights) – every 15 weeks they rotate enrollees. It teaches healthy relationships (dec. killing and fighting, crime in neighborhood).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-about 30 kids in program</li> <li>-eligibility 14-18 years old</li> <li>-talks about mental, physical, and emotional health</li> <li>-teaches basic skills (opening bank accounts, writing checks, etc.)</li> <li>-It's partnered with OIC</li> <li>-kids enroll from treatment centers</li> <li>-other church members from immediate churches are also welcome to</li> </ul>

			<p>enroll</p> <p>Recruitment also from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-NET-Northeast Treatment Ctr</li> <li>-these teens have gone through juvenile issues, have dysfunctional backgrounds, broken families, and are forced to fend for themselves.</li> </ul> <p><b>Foster Care Services</b> – are also provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-CHIP – good info for foster parents (for their foster kids).</li> <li>-foster kids eventually end up in state insurance (HP, Americhoice, Keystone, and Aetna). However, some families look down on state insurance and can't afford private insurance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fatherhood Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-a lot of single mothers get help but there isn't enough support for single fathers so this approaches the help from the father's side. In other words, mother's have resources, but not many resources for fathers</li> <li>-teaches fathers how to be supportive and be there for kids</li> <li>-Buying houses to help the fathers (men)</li> <li>- GED program, drug and alcohol</li> <li>-partnered with OIC</li> </ul> <p><b>Dance and Drama Ministry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-they have their own writers for plays – held annually during summertime at Drexel!</li> <li>-have their own choreographer</li> <li>-rent facility from Drexel Univ.</li> </ul>
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			<p><b>Prison Ministry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-provide parenting classes and Bible studies</li> </ul> <p><i>How does the church decide what programs to do?</i></p> <p>Mission: blessing to community, help make community become “whole” (wholistic health)</p> <p>Adopted school (faith based partnership with school) for 3 years - Anderson Elementary in SW Philly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-summer day camp (~100 kids)</li> <li>-health fairs (city council, state reps, state senators would speak at health fairs)</li> <li>-GREAT ENERGY!</li> <li>-church eventually moved...</li> <li>-being new church in the community → experienced difficulties with getting churches off the ground</li> <li>-vendors didn’t show up to health event when started b/c they thought it was an exclusive event for the church only.</li> </ul> <p><b>African American Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-church naturally attracted a certain group of people</li> <li>-CHIP outreach would fit into w/the Healthy Relationship program and summer camp program and health fairs (during summer months)</li> <li>-currently, church has 75 members – they do not charge members to use church facilities such as funerals (just for weddings!)</li> </ul> <p><b>CHURCH GOAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Vine St. – Girard street – block off for Health fairs since they have a good relationship with churches to help support the health fair (these churches line up along these blocks. → most of these churches are already part of the Eastern Pennsylvania Key Stone Association.</li> </ul> <p>FYI: CHIP is federally and state funded – this gives more leeway to</p>
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				<p>expand “territory” to West Philly. Most of the hospitals that own HP and service members are <b>not</b> in West Philly. Perhaps this church can help with expanding CHIP to West Philly!</p> <p><b>CHIP OUTREACH PLAN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-regular meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month (6p – 8p)</li> <li>-March 2010 – April 2010: push HP info/materials/brochures/lead cards/Kidz Partners introduction</li> <li>-May 2010 – June 2010: HP health coordinator comes and gives more info and signs prospective members</li> <li>-the church meeting can invite Health Centers/charter schools to come to meetings and list to HP info sessions!</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: the building has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We are Seeds (PLC – Progressive Life Center)</li> <li>-ages 11 -18 underprivileged youths</li> <li>-Feed the Homeless events</li> <li>-Charter school (high school and middle school)</li> <li>-foster care</li> <li>-Broad St. Health Center is right across the street</li> <li>-foster kids go there to get help with <b>health insurance!</b></li> <li>-they also hold annual health fairs</li> </ul>
Ezekiel Baptist Church	51st and Locust St 19139	215-472-5103	none	
Fellowship Christian Church	5108 Chestnut St 19139	215 476-9399	none	
First Corinthian	5101 Pine St 19139		none	

Baptist Church				
Fourth-Eighth St. Baptist Church	4807 Haverford Ave 19139		none	
Free Gift Baptist Church	6219 Market St 19139		none	
George T. Cornish Post #292	4812 Fairmount Ave 19139	Phone: (215) 878-0473	none	
Grace Memorial Church of God in Christ	23 N. 60th St 19139		none	
Greater Bethel Baptist	58th and Ludlow St 19139	215-471-9819	none	

Greater St. Matthew Independent Church	5544 Race St 19139	Church Office # 215-472-6537 Fax: 215-472-6562 Emergency #215-906-0777	<a href="http://greaterstmatthewindependent.org/">http://greaterstmatthewindependent.org/</a>	<p>Ministries: Church School: To instruct people in the good news of Jesus Christ. Class Leaders: To keep in touch with all the members and report to the Official Board. M.M. Lewis Angelic Choir: To provide contemporary, inspirational music to enhance the worship service. Mary Ellen Lewis Missionary: To assist those in need. Planning Council: To plan the church calendar of events for the year. Senior Choir: To provide choral music to enhance the worship service. Social Service: To help those in need by assisting in whatever matter necessary. Providing repast for funeral service. Stewards: To assist the pastor, to develop and maintain the spiritual integrity of the church. Stewardesses: To assist the stewards. Trustee Board: Manage all temporal concerns of the church not otherwise provided for, shall guard all real estate, building, grounds, equipment and all possessions. Make improvements when authorized to do so. Usher Board: To be doorkeepers in the house of the Lord as a senior, senior or young adult usher. Men's Ministry Women's Ministry Male Chorus</p>
Greater White Rock Baptist Church	5525 Market St 19139		none	



Holy Apostles and Mediator	51st and Spruce St 19139 (260 South 51st Street)	(V) 215.472.3000 (F) 215.472.2099 Event Hotline 215.472.9502	<a href="http://www.hamphilv.org/">http://www.hamphilv.org/</a>	ECS: Episcopal Community Services <a href="http://www.ecs1870.org/programs">http://www.ecs1870.org/programs</a>
Holy Temple Church of God in Christ	334 N. 60th St 19139	(215) 747-2266	none	
Jesus Baptist Church Prayer Room	4918 Fairmount Ave 19139		none	
Killingworth Temple	50th and Brown St 19139		none	
Loyal Baptist Church	236 N. 60th St 19139	(215) 747-6177	none	
Masjid Al-Birr Wat-Taqwa	23 S. 52nd St 19139	215-747-3136	none	
Monumental Baptist Church	4948 Locust St 19139	(215) 747-1414	none	

Mount Carmel Baptist Church*	5732 Race St 19139	Phone (215) 476-5320 Fax: (215) 476-9798	<a href="http://www.mtcarmel-bc.org/">http://www.mtcarmel-bc.org/</a>	Outreach Resources  The PBA provides teaching tools and services to facilitate our churches in the following areas of ministry: Evangelism, Stewardship and Mission, Discipleship and Congregational Transformation.
Mount Hope Baptist Church	4634 Parrish St 19139	(215) 222-4213	none	
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	5539 Vine St 19139	(215) 47 -	none	
Mount Zion Methodist Church	1530 N. 11th St 19139	(215) 684-1811	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Philadelphia-PA/Mt-Zion-United-Methodist-Church/222843794627#!/pages/Philadelphia-PA/Mt-Zion-United-Methodist-Church/222843794627?v=info">http://www.facebook.com/pages/Philadelphia-PA/Mt-Zion-United-Methodist-Church/222843794627#!/pages/Philadelphia-PA/Mt-Zion-United-Methodist-Church/222843794627?v=info</a>	
New Hope Baptist Church	5950 Irving St 19139	-	none	
New Testament Church of Christ	4730 Chestnut St 19139	-	none	
New Vision Baptist Church	4918 Fairmount Ave 19139		none	

Open Door Mission True Light Church*	401 N. 52nd St 19139	Phone: (215) 477- 5773 or (215) 477- 4412	<a href="http://www.odmtlc.org/contact.htm">http://www.odmtlc.org/contact.htm</a>	<p>Discipleship ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Comfort Ministry</li> <li>* Fisher's of Men</li> <li>* Free Indeed Recovery Ministry</li> <li>* Heart Ministry</li> <li>* International Connection</li> <li>* Media Ministry</li> <li>* Missions</li> <li>* ODM Illuminator Newsletter</li> <li>* Prison Ministry</li> <li>* Web Site</li> </ul> <p>Evangelism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Broadcast</li> <li>* Follow-Up</li> <li>* New Converts</li> </ul> <p>New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* New Pathway Ministry</li> <li>* Saturday Bible Club</li> <li>* Sunday School</li> <li>* Tutoring Program</li> <li>* Vacation Bible School</li> </ul> <p>Fellowship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Men's Fellowship</li> <li>* Women of Value</li> <li>* Married Couples' Ministry</li> <li>* Single Again Ministry</li> <li>* Singles Ministry</li> <li>* Seniors Ministry</li> <li>* Youth/Young Adult Ministry</li> <li>* Children's Ministry</li> <li>* Family Night Out</li> </ul> <p>Worship Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Youth Praise Team</li> <li>* Levitical Worshippers</li> <li>* Musicians</li> <li>* Gospel Chorus</li> </ul>
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Our Lady of the Rosary	345 N. 63rd St 19139	215 476 6511Fax: 215-476-3230	<a href="http://www.olobs.org/">http://www.olobs.org/</a>	

Our Lady of Victory Church	5412 Vine St 19139		none	
Philadelphia Baptist Church	63rd and Ludlow St 19139		None	
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church	5335 Market St 19139		None	
Redeemer Tabernacle Baptist Church, Inc.	219 N. 52nd St 19139		None	
Reeve Memorial United Presbyterian Church	50th and Aspen St 19139	(215) 878-4862	None	
Refuge Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ	5143 Race St 19139		None	
Saint Matthew AME Church	57th and Summer St 19139		None	
Saint Peter's Fire Baptized	57th and Vine St 19139		None	
Second Timothy Church	821 N. 50th St 19139	(215) 879-4181	None	

<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church</p>	<p>4527 Haverford Ave 19139</p>	<p>Ph: (215) 222- 5707 Fax: (215) 222- 3855</p>	<p><a href="http://www.westphillysda.org/">http://www.westphillysda.org/</a></p>	<p>HEALTH &amp; TEMPERANCE</p> <p>The theme for the Health Ministries Department is "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made".</p> <p>Our goals are to promote healthy and temperate lifestyle by providing relevant health information and spiritual-health education for the West Philadelphia SDA Church and the surrounding community. Also to promote an ongoing witness in the community concerning the destructive effects of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and other unhealthy lifestyle practices.</p> <p>The Health Ministries Department contributes to the congregation and community's well being by promoting and teaching preventive principles such as the eight laws of health, presenting seminars on a variety of medical, dental, and natural remedies topics, sponsoring healthy cooking classes, providing current information on health, fitness and diet, conducting health screenings during annual community health fair.</p> <p>We have been fearfully and wonderfully made by God, therefore, it is our responsibility to treat our bodies as temples. It is our hope that this ministry will empower our congregation and community with the necessary tools to live a healthy lifestyle by God's grace.</p> <p>Health Emphasis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Exercise significantly reduces depression improves sleep.</li> <li>* A Simple ten minute walk can boost your mood quickly.</li> <li>* Adults who exercise aerobically increase significant amount of blood flow to the brain, which leads to better memory.</li> </ul> <p>Leader</p>
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Shilow Baptist Church	2040 Christian St 19139	(215) 735- 2089	None		
Straight Gate	23 N. 60th		None		

Church of God in Christ	St 19139			
Tabernacle Lutheran Church	59th and Spruce St 19139	215-748-5533 / 215-748-5210 (fax)	<a href="http://www.tabernacleweb.org/">http://www.tabernacleweb.org/</a>	SOCIAL Food Narcotics Counseling Mentoring Line Dancing  MINISTRY Bank Anonymous
United Gospel Crusaders	5348 Haverford Ave 19139		None	
White Rock Baptist Church	5240 Chestnut St 19139	(215) 474-1738	None	
Zion Hill Baptist Church	5301 Spruce St 19139	Phone: (215) 748-1203   Fax: (215) 748-0310	<a href="http://zionhillbaptist.org/communityonline/index4Zion.asp">http://zionhillbaptist.org/communityonline/index4Zion.asp</a>	
Allen AME Church	5900 Larchwood Ave 19143	(215) 748-4203	None	
Arenett AME Church	1321 Divinity St 19143		None	
Berry Long Memorial UMC	58th St. and Springfield Ave 19143		None	
Bethany Baptist Church	5747 Warrington Ave 19143	(215) 726-0250	None	
Bethlehem Temple	123 S. 51st St. 19143		None	



Beulah Tabernacle	4824 Baltimore Ave 19143	(215) 724- 0890	<a href="http://beulah-tab.org/Home_Page.html">http://beulah- tab.org/Home_Page .html</a>	<p>Empower</p> <p>Couples Ministry</p> <p>Women's Ministry</p> <p>Men's Ministry</p> <p>Single's Ministry</p> <p>* S.H.A.D.E.S (Spiritually Happy Adults Devoted to Embracing Singleness)</p> <p>Youth Ministry</p> <p>* G.A.N.G (God's Anointed New Generation)</p> <p>Christian Education</p> <p>* Wednesday Night Bible Study</p> <p>* Children's Church</p> <p>* Sunday School</p>
Bible Union Fellowship Church	6049 Pine St 19143	(215) 748- 1121	None	
Bible Way Evangelistic Church	58th and Chester St. 19143		None	
Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church	5400 Springfield Ave 19143		None	
Calvary United	48th and Baltimore		None	

Methodist Church	Ave 19143			
Christ of Calvary Church	61st and Larchwood Ave 19143		None	
Christian Chapel of Philadelphia	1453 N. 52nd St. 19143	(215) 879-4258	None	
Church of Christian Compassion	627 South Felton Street Philadelphia, PA 19143-2212	(215) 472-9040	<a href="http://www.christiancompassion.com/">http://www.christiancompassion.com/</a>	<p>MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES The Lord has given every believer spiritual gifts to be used to build up and edify the kingdom of God. At the Church of Christian Compassion your gifts are welcomed and needed to help us continue building up the kingdom. After members have completed their New Members Discipleship Foundation Classes they are encouraged to serve in Ministry. The Church of Christian Compassion has numerous ministries to choose from in which to serve. Members can find out where they are gifted to serve by taking the Spiritual Gifts test which can be found in our Resource Center under Adults or Youth. After completion of the Spiritual Gift Test take a moment to review each of the ministries to your right and based upon your spiritual gift, select the ministry(ies) you would you like to serve in. After making your selection contact the church office at (215) 472-9040 to get acclimated into the ministry of your choice.</p>
Concord Baptist Church	1118 S. 55th St 19143	(215) 726-1455	None	
Crusaders for Christ	1201 S. 47th St. 19143	(215) 387-3014	None	
Emanuel Lutheran Church	57th and Christian St. 19143	(215) 747-7454	None	

Faith Chapel Baptist Church	4718-20 Woodland Ave 19143		None	
Fifty-Ninth Street Baptist Church	315 S. 59th St. 19143	(215) 474-8750	None	
Forty-Sixth Street Baptist Church	1261 S. 46th St 19143		None	
Full Gospel Holy Church of God	6137 Market St. 19143	(215) 471-3999	None	
Good Shepherd Community Church	314-18 S. 46th St. 19143		None	
Grace Chapel Church	239 S. 60th St 19143		None	
Grace Tabernacle Church	P.O. Box 19857 19143		None	
Grace Temple Christian Church	7029 Woodland Ave 19143		None	
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church	5522 Woodland Ave 19143	(215) 727-1144	None	
Green Grove Baptist Church	1667 S. 55th St. 19143	(215) 724-3037	None	
Hickman Temple A.M.E. Church	5001 Baltimore Ave 19143	(215) 476-5340	None	
Holy Light Baptist Church	224 S. 60th St. 19143	(215) 472-3256	None	
Imani Temple	815 S. 48th		None	

	St. 19143			
Jesus Loves You Church of God in Christ	5521 Woodland Ave 19143		None	
Liberty Baptist Church	5944 Larchwood St 19143	(215) 748-1888	None	
Light of Hope Training Center	624 S. 59th St 19143		None	
Little Sisters of the Assumption Convent	6300 Drexel Rd 19143		None	
Masjid Al-Mujahiddeen	413 S. 60th St 19143	215-471-7073	None	
Most Blessed Sacrament Church	5628 Chester Ave 19143	(215) 724-7430, Fax (215) 729-1995.	None	
Mount Zion Baptist Church	50th and Woodland Ave 19143	(215) 724-2077	None	
Muslims of the Americas	530 South 52nd St 19143		None	
Neighborhoods United Against Drugs	58th St. and Springfield Ave 19143		None	
New Beginnings Sanctuary of Praise Church of God in Christ	317-19 52nd St 19143		None	
New Spirit Community Presbyterian	5736 Chester Ave 19143	(215) 729-6631	None	

Church				
New Testament Church of God	5800-02 Baltimore Ave 19143		None	
New Third Antioch Baptist Church	5145 Delancey St 19143	(215) 474-3669	None	
Open Door COGIC	6018-22 Larchwood Ave 19143		None	
Paradise Baptist Church	4704 Woodland Ave 19143	(215) 724-9050	None	
Parham Church	326 S. 52nd St 19143	(215) 472-6791	None	
People's Baptist Church	5039 Baltimore Ave 19143	(215) 747-9818	None	
Pleasant Oak Baptist Church	1018 S. 51st St 19143		None	
Promise Memorial Baptist Church	5862 Larchwood St 19143		None	
Saint Carthage Rector	525 Cobbs Creek Pkway 19143		None	
Saint John AME Church	7039 Greenway Ave 19143		None	
Saint Mary's Baptist Church	6142 Hazel Ave 19143	(215) 748-6767	None	
Sayers Memorial United	6101 Catharine St. 19143	(215) 474-4838	None	

Methodist Church				
SEAP, Mt. Zion Baptist Church	50th St. and Woodland Ave 19143		None	
Service Baptist Church	5524 Baltimore Ave 19143	215-474-0616	None	
Sharon Baptist Church	5845 Catharine St. 19143	215-471-4286	None	
Sherwood Presbyterian Church	56th St. and Willow Ave 19143	(215) 747-2685	None	
Southwest Seventh Day Adventist	1220 S. 58th St 19143	(215) 748-5464	<a href="http://www.adventist.org/">http://www.adventist.org/</a>	
St. Carthage Catholic Church	63rd and Cedar Ave 19143		None	
St. Francis De Sales Church	4625 Springfield Ave 19143	215-222-5819 FAX 215-222-5821	<a href="http://www.saintfrancisdesales.net/main.html">http://www.saintfrancisdesales.net/main.html</a>	
St. Mary of Czestochowa Church	5900 Elmwood Ave 19143	215-729-2292	None	
Word Tabernacle Baptist Church	5200 Chester Ave 19143	Phone: 215-727-0339 ~ Fax: 215-727-0388	<a href="http://wordtabernacle.net/#/church-ministries/4526111562">http://wordtabernacle.net/#/church-ministries/4526111562</a>	Benevolence Contact: Dea. Archie Rouse, Jr.  Evangelism Contact: Sis. Remonia Upshur
The Wayland Memorial Baptist Church	5126 Baltimore Ave 19143	(215) 747-3765	None	
The Westside and Wynnefield	P.O. Box 19437 19143		None	

Weeklies				
Transfiguration of Our Lord RC Church	5533 Cedar Ave 19143		None	
Victor Christian Center	5220 Whitby Ave 19143		None	
Victory Holiness Church	778 S. 52nd St 19143		None	
West Philadelphia Mennonite Church	816 S 48th St. 19143		None	
Westminster United Presbyterian Church	5736 Chester Ave 19143		None	
Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church	5341 Catharine St 19143	(215) 472-6777 215-747-4131; 215-747-4757	None	
Saint Donato Rectory	403 N. 65th St 19151		None	

<p>African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas</p>	<p>6361 Lancaster Ave 19151</p>	<p>PHONE: (215) 473- 3065FAX: (215) 473- 3065</p>	<p><a href="http://www.aecst.org/index.html">http://www.aecst.org/index.html</a></p>	<p>The Outreach Ministries...The Tree of Life Prison Ministry – Activities include: serving as Pen Pals to inmates at Graterford Prison, hosting an Angel Tree Christmas Party for children of incarcerated parents, providing clothing for inmates upon re-entry to society, participating in the Kingdom Care Re-entry program, and providing assistance to school age children of incarcerated parents.Chosen 300 Ministries – St. Thomas has paired with the Chosen 300 Feed the Homeless Ministries. Volunteers take part in cooking, serving and providing services to the homeless at the Chosen 300 site on Spring Garden Street, every other month.Food Pantry – On the first Sunday of each month the congregation and the Boy Scouts collect canned goods and non-perishables for distribution to Philabundance and The St. Barnabas Mission for the Homeless. At Thanksgiving a special collection coordinated by Daughters of the King provides dinners for families in the community.The Rewarding Education Enrichment Program (REEP)Tutoring and monitoring for assessment are provided to Overbrook Elementary School. Other activities have included presentations for career day and distribution of hats and gloves for children (the Sisterhood Guild).MWAMBA – High school tuition was provided for 15 students in the Kitale Diocese, Kenya, in addition to school supplies, and congregants who visited and worked in the Kitale diocese.Boy Scout Troop # 133 – The Boy Scouts collected pajamas and books for the children at the St. Barnabas Mission, collected cell phones for the Phone4Charity Project, collected eyeglasses for the needy, helped serve 500 pancake breakfasts to raise funds for the Overbrook School for the Blind, and served dinner to residents of St. John's Hospice.Jesse F. Anderson Sr. Scholarship Fund – Scholarships totaling \$ 6,000 were awarded to six students matriculating in a four-year college. A variety of events raised funds in addition to congregational contributions.AIDS Walk – Members of the congregation, Young Adults, and SOULdiers for Christ walked in this event to raise funds for Aids Treatment and Research.Urban Revitalization Project Week – SOULdiers for Christ and the Gospel Choir continue to support this yearly event with Trinity Solebury Church where a community service activity is completed in West Philadelphia.Annual</p>
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Assembly of God Overbrook	6651 W. Girard Ave 19151		None	

Calvary Baptist Church	6122 Haverford Ave 19151	office: (215) 747-9979 Fax: (215) 747-4606 Email: church@mycalvarybc.org	<a href="http://mycalvarybc.org/index.php">http://mycalvarybc.org/index.php</a>	Calvary Agape Community Outreach Services is a 501c3 non-profit organization designed as a practical outreach arm of the Calvary Baptist Church. Under this organization, we provide food and clothing for the needy, educational opportunities for returning students and economic empowerment ventures.
Calvary Gospel Church	4121 W. Girard Ave 19104	(215) 477-4848	None	
Calvin Presbyterian Church	1401 N. 60th St. 19151	(215) 877-7711	None	
Christ Chapel	5547 Chester Ave 19151		None	
Christ Evangelical Baptist Church	405 N. 60th St. 19151		None	
Congregation Beth Hamedrosh	7505 Brookhaven Rd 19151		None	
Congregation Beth T fillah of Overbrook Park	7630 Woodbine Ave 19151	Tel. +1 215.477.2415	None	
Friendly Friends Baptist Church	Edgewood St. and Media St. 19151		None	
Good Samaritan Baptist Church	6148 Lansdowne Ave 19151	(215) 877-7537	None	
Good Shepherd	6439 Lansdowne	(215) 879-9232	None	

Presbyterian	Ave 19151			
Greater Works Outreach Ministries	6224 West Girard Ave 19151		None	
Holy Cross Baptist Church	1900-04 N. 63rd St. 19151	(215) 879-8190	None	
Holy Tabernacle Disciples Church	5928 Master St 19151	Phone: (215) 748-7626	None	
Jubilee Christian Church	1301 N. 61st 19151	(215) 473-3089	None	
Latvian Baptist Church	6933 Sherwood Ave 19151	(215) 473-3494	<a href="http://www.latvianbaptistsinamerica.org/">http://www.latvianbaptistsinamerica.org/</a>	
Love and Mercy of God Chapel	5939 Jefferson St. 19151		None	
Ninetieth St. Mt. Hermon Baptist Church	6132 Jefferson Ave 19151	(215) 879-2534	None	
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	6315 Lancaster Ave 19151	(215) 473-1669	<a href="http://www.oll-alumni.com/">http://www.oll-alumni.com/</a>	
Pennsylvania Deliverance Evangelistic Center	5926 Lansdowne Ave 19151		None	
Refuge Baptist Church	301 S. 63rd St. 19151		None	
Rehoboth Full Gospel Church Inc.	5219-21 W. Jefferson St. 19151		None	
Saint Andrew & St. Phillip	400 N. Simpson St.		None	

Presbyterian Church	19151			
Saint James Community Church	6400 Haverford Ave 19151	215-474-2680	None	
Saint John's Lutheran Church	6100 Columbia Ave 19151		None	
Saint Mathias Episcopal Church	7485 Briar Rd 19151		None	
Saint Rose of Lima Rectory	1535 N. 59th St. 19151	215-877-2991	None	
Simpson-Fletcher United Methodist Church	6035 Jefferson St 19151	215-477-8100	None	
St. Callisustus Catholic Church	700 N. 67th St 19151		None	
Star of Primitive Baptist Church	443 N. 60th St. 19151		None	